



**BUCKINGHAM & RIVER OUZEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD ("the Board")
LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991 ("the Act")**

DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2026/27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting held remotely on the 20th January 2026, the Board made a drainage rate of 6.281 pence to raise their income for the year ending on the 31 March 2027, as follows:-

1	In respect of agricultural land and buildings in their District:	£69,691
2	In respect of Special Levies as follows:-	
	Buckinghamshire Council	£56,376
	Central Bedfordshire Council	£375,412
	Cherwell District Council	£99
	Milton Keynes City Council	£473,584
	West Northamptonshire District Council	£16,923

Dated 20th Day of January 2026

M COLEMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Vale House
Broadmead Road
Stewartby
Bedford
MK43 9ND

**BUCKINGHAM & RIVER OUZEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD ("the Board")
 LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991 ("THE ACT") AND THE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS (FINANCE) REGULATIONS 1992
 DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2026/27: FROM 1 APRIL 2026 TO 31 MARCH 2027**

On the 20th day of January 2026 the Board resolved as follows:-

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2027 the proportions of expenditure to be raised by drainage rates with regard to agricultural land and/or buildings and by special levies on local billing authorities are 7.02% (£69,691) and 92.98% (£922,394) respectively.
2. That the proportions between the local billing authorities of the amount to be raised by special levies are as set out below, against the special levy for each local billing authority.
3. To make the drainage rates and special levies set out below and that the seal of the Board be affixed to those drainage rates and special levies.

	DRAINAGE RATE			SPECIAL LEVIES	
	p	p		£	%
New Works and Improvement Works	0.000		Buckinghamshire Council	£56,376	5.68%
Contributions to the Environment Agency	0.823		Central Bedfordshire Council	£375,412	37.84%
Maintenance Works	5.266		Cherwell District Council	£99	0.01%
Engineering and Administration	2.318		Milton Keynes City Council	£473,584	47.74%
Other Expenses	0.000	8.407	West Northamptonshire District Council	£16,923	1.71%
LESS:			Agricultural Rates	£69,691	7.02%
Contributions from the Environment Agency	1.194				
Other Income	0.948	2.142			
		6.265			
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances		0.016			
Total		6.281		£992,085	100.00%

THE COMMON SEAL of the Board is affixed in the presence of:-

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CERTIFICATE

I certify as follows:-

1. That the drainage rate has been made on or before 15th February, as required by section 40(4) of the Act and in the manner prescribed by regulation 2 of The Drainage Rate (Forms) Regulations 1993.
2. That notice of the drainage rates and special levies has been given on the 20th Day of January 2026, as required by section 48(2) of the Act and affixed to the front door of the Board's office at Vale House, Broadmead Road, Stewartby, Bedford, MK43 9ND, in accordance with section 48(3) of the Act as amended by section 87 (Schedule 9(6)(2)) of the Water Act 2014.
3. That the special levies have been issued to the billing authorities on the 21st Day of January 2026 and are payable in two equal instalments on 1 May and on 1 November next.
4. That a register containing the individual drainage hereditaments has been prepared and maintained in the prescribed form, together with a map showing the whereabouts of those hereditaments, in accordance with section 52(1) of the Act and the Registers of Drainage Boards Regulations 1968.
5. That drainage rates and special levies are beyond the scope of Vat, in accordance with the rules specified from time to time by HMRC.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE