

## ENVIRONMENT AGENCY SOUTHERN REGION

### The Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Environment Agency, as a levying body for its Flood Defence functions, under the above regulations, provides the following information.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood defence along main river and tidal and sea defences, in the area of the Southern Regional Flood Defence Committee. Flood defence money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system. The financial details are:-

	<b>Southern Regional Flood Defence Committee</b>	
	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/009</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Gross Expenditure	54,016	55,930
Levies Raised from Council	1109	1131
<b>Total Council Tax Base</b>	<b>1813234</b>	<b>1832188</b>

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, where there are schemes which do not attract central funding the Agency may seek funding from County and Metropolitan Councils, Unitary Authorities and London Boroughs in the form of a Local Levy. The Local Levy is shared on the basis of Band D Equivalent between all contributing bodies within the Committee Area.

Changes in the Gross Budgeted expenditure between the years is due mainly to an increased maintenance and Local levy programme

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £1,109,000 in 2007/08 to £1,131,000 for 2008/09.

## **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY THAMES REGION**

### **The Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2003.**

The Environment Agency, as a levying body for its Flood Defence functions, under the above regulations, provides the following information:

The Thames Region is home to 12 million people. Within the region it is our job to maintain 5,200km of Main River and 193km of tidal defences. This includes operating the Thames Barrier – London’s main defence against flooding. Flood defence money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system. The financial details are:-

#### **Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee**

	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Gross Expenditure	81,551	88,357
Net Expenditure	69,749	76,342
Levies Raised	9,000	10,000
Total Council Tax Base	4,904	4,952

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Changes in the gross expenditure between the years are due mainly to a £5.9m increase in Grant in Aid and a £1m increase in the programme of levy schemes in 2008/09. The total Local Levy has increased from £9m in 2007/08 to £10m for 2008/09.