

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY SOUTH EAST REGION

**The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011.**

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 5200 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences, in the area of the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. 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 and management of the risk of coastal erosion. The financial details are:

Gross Expenditure

Levies Raised

**Total Council Tax Base**

<b>Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee</b>	
<b>2012/2013 '000s</b>	<b>2013/2014 '000s</b>
£84,682	£74,688
£10,000	£10,500
5,127	4,472

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding. To provide 'matching' 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 Equivalents between all contributing bodies within the Committee Area.

Changes in the Gross Budgeted expenditure between the years reflects the impact of the Government Spending Review and national prioritisation of capital projects. The total Local Levy raised has increased by 5%.

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £10,000,000 in 2012/2013 to £10,500,000 for 2013/2014.