

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY SOUTHERN REGION

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2010.

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its flood defence function under the Water Resources Act 1991. It provides the following information in connection with the requirements of the above regulations.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood defence for 3540 kilometres of main river and along 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:

Gross Expenditure
 Levies Raised
Total Council Tax Base

Southern Regional Flood Defence Committee	
2010/2011 '000s	2011/2012 '000s
£65,650	£44,102
£1,177	£1,177
1,851	1,850

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 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 remained the same in 2011/2012 as 2010/2011 at £1,176,906.