



LOWER MEDWAY INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

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Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2026/27

As required by Section 48 (2) of the Land Drainage Act 1991, the Board gives notice as follows:

1. On 08 December 2025, the Board made:

A Drainage Rate of 7.763 (Seven Point Seven Six Three) in the pound (£) in respect of agricultural land and/or buildings in their district to raise £71,968.54 of their expenditure for the financial year ending on 31 March 2027, comprised of:

Lower Medway IDB	£57,235.22
North Kent Marshes IDB	£14,733.32

2. Also, on the 08 December 2025, the Board made a Special Levy of £1,909,429.41 on

Canterbury City Council – Lower Medway IDB	£12,964.91
Medway Council – Lower Medway IDB	£473,139.71
Medway Council – North Kent Marshes IDB	£52,535.64
Swale Borough Council – Lower Medway IDB	£1,070,824.26
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council- Lower Medway IDB	£252,964.65
Gravesham - North Kent Marshes IDB	£47,000.24

to raise the balance of their expenditure for the same year.

Priscilla Haselhurst

Clerk to the Board

15 December 2025

Note on amalgamation

This Section 48 notice is issued jointly by the Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board and the North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board.

By Order of the Secretary of State, with effect from 1 April 2026, the two Boards will be abolished and their functions, assets and liabilities transferred to a single successor authority, to be known as the North Kent Marshes Water Level Management Board.

The drainage rates and special levies set out in this notice have been lawfully made by the existing Boards prior to that date and will be administered by the successor Board following amalgamation.

Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board ("the Board")

Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Internal Drainage Boards Finance Regulations 1992

Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2026/2027: From 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

On the day of 8th December 2025, the Board resolved as follows:

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2027 the proportions of expenditure to be raised by drainage rates with regards to agricultural land or buildings and by special levies on local authorities is 3.00% (£71,968.54) and 97.42% (£1,909,429.41) 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 levels set out below.

	<u>DRAINAGE RATE</u>		
Administration and other expenses	3.72629		
Maintenance Works	1.78348		
New Works and Improvement Works	0.47401		
Environment Agency Precept	1.76161		
Plant and Transport Renewals	<u>0.47307</u>		
	8.218		
Less Government Grants	(0.0000)		
Less Contribution Environment Agency	-(0.207)		
Less Other Income	<u>(0.0000)</u>		
Balance Adj	-(0.24800)		
	7.763		
	<u>SPECIAL LEVIES</u>		
Canterbury City Council	£12,964.91	(0.65%)	
Medway Council	£525,675.35	(26.53%)	
Swale Borough Council	£1,070,824.26	(54.04%)	
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	£252,964.65	(13.25%)	
Gravesham	£47,000.24	(2.46%)	
Total Special Levies	<u>£1,909,429.41</u>	<u>(96.94%)</u>	
	<u>RATES</u>		
Agricultural Drainage Rates	<u>£71,968.54</u>	<u>(3.63%)</u>	

Certification:

I certify as follows:

The drainage rate has been made before the 15 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.

That notice of the drainage rates and special levies has been given on 08 January 2026 as required by section 48 (2) of the Act, by publishing the notice on the Boards website in accordance with section 48 (3) of the Act as amended by section 87 (schedule 9 (6)(2)) of the Water Act 2014.

That the special levies have been issued to the billing authorities on the 08 January 2026 and are payable in two equal instalments on 1 May 26 and 1 November 26.

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 Board Regulations 1968.

S Mair**Chairman****P Haselhurst****Clerk****15 December 2025**