

How your £10 is spent



£7.27 – Lincolnshire County Council

for education, roads, care for the elderly and disabled, child protection, public health, fire and rescue, libraries, waste disposal

£1.00 –

Boston Borough Council

- 35p – Boston Borough Council keeps for refuse collections, housing, planning, street cleaning, leisure etc

- 65p – Boston Borough Council pays to the Internal Drainage Boards



31p – Parish Councils and BTAC Special Expenses

£1.42 – Police and Crime Commissioner

for law and order and crime reduction

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Internal Drainage Board funding explained

Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) manage water levels and are an integral part of managing flood risk and land drainage in Boston Borough. They undertake vital work which includes moving, storing and pumping water to reduce flood risk to people and property/land within areas of special drainage need.

In Boston Borough there are four IDBs:

- Witham 4th,
- Black Sluice,
- Welland and Deepings, and
- South Holland.

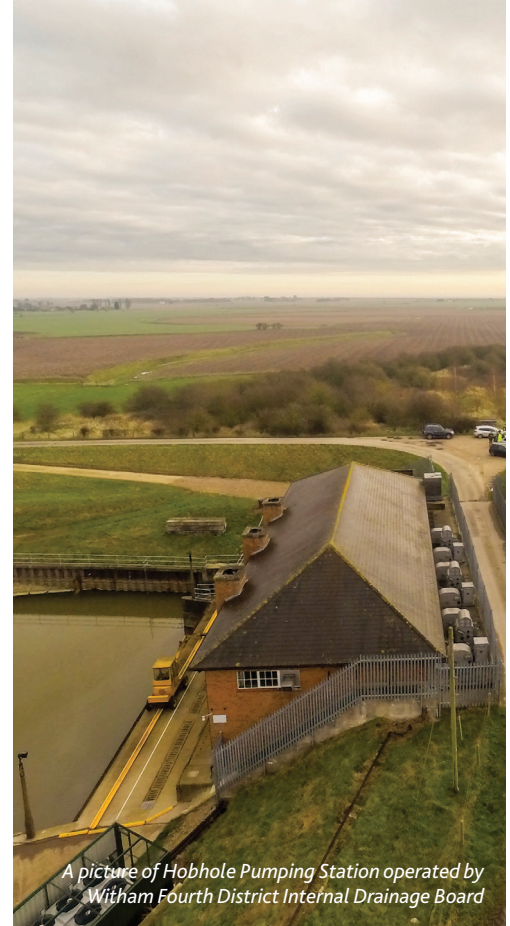
IDBs use a levy to raise income from agricultural occupiers and councils within their districts. Councils contribute to an IDB on behalf of all the homes, non-agricultural businesses, and infrastructure within the drainage district.

In recent years, the money that IDBs require to undertake their

work has significantly increased due to rising material, construction, pay, and energy related costs. Councils must pay the sums levied by IDBs in accordance with legislation. For further information about IDBs, their important work, and how they are funded please visit: www.ada.org.uk

The amount that the five IDBs require from Boston Borough Council, in total for 2025/26 is **£3m**. This is funded as part of the Council's budget, including from council tax.

The Council fully supports the important work of IDBs. The Council is campaigning for a new funding approach to IDBs by Government, as the current method is contributing to significant financial pressure for the Council and resulting in less money being available to the Council to deliver the essential services it provides to the community.



A picture of Hobhole Pumping Station operated by Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board