

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY THAMES REGION

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

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 5200 kilometers of main river and along tidal and sea defences, in the area of the Thames 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

| Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee | |
|---|-----------------|
| 2008/2009 '000s | 2009/2010 '000s |
| £88,357 | £96,798 |
| £10,000 | £10,000 |
| 4,952 | 4,988 |

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 is due mainly to 0% increase.

The total Local Levy raised has remained the same from £10,000,000.00 in 2008/09 to £10,000,000.00 for 2009/10.