

Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board Newsletter 2020

Coronavirus (COVID – 19) Update

Owing to the COVID-19 crisis. A number of staff will be working from home for the foreseeable future. All calls, post and e-mails will be dealt with as and when staff are in the office and we will respond to all enquires. This may take longer than usual so please bear with us during this challenging time.

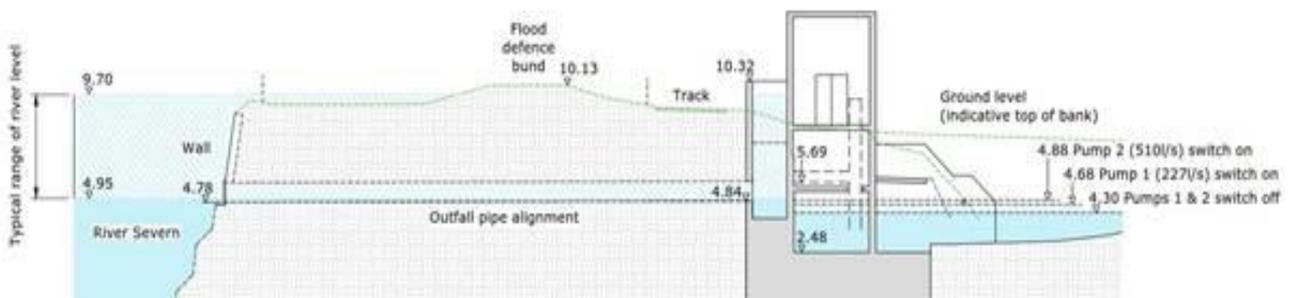
Debit and Credit Card Payments

The LSIDB are pleased to announce that from April this year the LSIDB will be accepting Debit and Credit Card Payments.

Pump Station Replacement Programme

The Lower Severn Drainage Board has commenced a multi-year programme of improvements to its land drainage pumping stations. The majority of these pumping stations form a barrier to eel migration and the LSIDB is installing elver passes to allow elvers to travel upstream and fish-friendly pumps to allow adult eels to return safely to the River Severn. Whilst the primary purpose of these improvements is to achieve compliance with the Eel regulations, the LSIDB is taking this opportunity to carry out a substantial review and overhaul of these aging infrastructure installations. The Board intends to install a telemetry system for all of its pumping stations as part of this initiative.

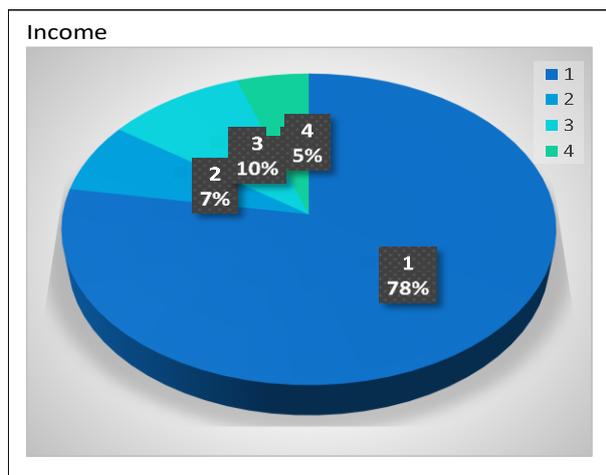
Works commenced with Saul pumping station which was the smallest and most straight forward because it has a gravity outfall and therefore does not form a permanent barrier to eel migration. This location was tackled first and improvement works were completed in September 2019. The works consisted of providing a new eel friendly pump, new telemetry control system and replacement of an existing damaged outfall pipe.



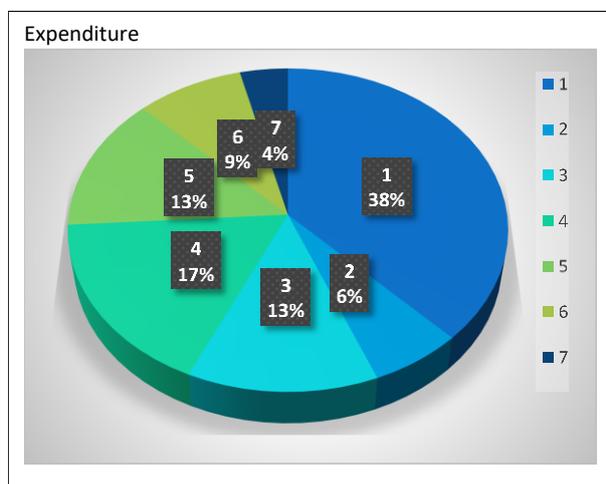
Debt Recovery

It is in the interests of all our ratepayers that the Board takes all necessary steps to collect the income it requires to carry out vital drainage works in the Lower Severn area. Please contact the office if you need help in making payments to the Board as we are always willing to assist you. However, where legitimate demands for payment are persistently ignored, the Board will invariably take legal action to recover the debt.

Income & Expenditure 2020/21



	Income	£
1	Levies Charged to Local Authorities	1,301,042
2	Agricultural Rates	120,427
3	Environment Agency Grant	167,339
4	Other Income (Including use of reserves)	86,364
	Total	1,675,172



	Expenditure	£
1	Salaries – Direct	627,359
2	Salaries - Admin	103,815
3	Environment Agency Levy	213,893
4	Maintenance and Minor Improvement Works	286,388
5	Capital Reserve	225,000
6	Depreciation on Assets	143,634
7	Other Expenditure (including Admin, Communication, Legal and Accountancy Fees)	64,166
	Total	1,664,255

Direct Costs & Overheads

Direct Costs = 89.6%

Overheads = 10.4%

Salary and Pensions Costs

The Local Government Pensions Scheme (LGPS) was closed to new employees of the LSIDB from 31st July 2015. New employees are now enrolled into the Peoples Pension Scheme.

Capital Reserves

The LSIDB has a statutory obligation to ensure that all pumps and pumping stations are compliant with the 2009 Eel Regulations. In order to keep this obligation, the LSIDB will need to spend in excess of £3.5 million by 2028.

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