

# Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board

## Newsletter 2022

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### Election 2021

The LSIDB held its tri-annual election in 2021. Nine members were successfully re-elected and five members were co-opted at the Board Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. Please see below a list of Elected Members for the ensuing 3 years.

Mr M Barnes, Mrs F Collins, Mr J Cornock, Mr T Cullimore, Mr C Daniell, Mr R Godwin Miss R Hewlett, Mr J Hore, Mr R Hyslop, Mr G Littleton, Mr J North, Mr J Nichols, Mr G Simms, Mr K Withers

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### Visit from Local School

As part of a pilot educational project a small group of Geography A Level students visited the IDB in February. They were shown around the Boards offices as well as the Boards pumping Station at Oldbury. The students were then taken to the banks of the River Severn and developed an understanding of the mechanisms involved in draining low lying areas. A presentation was given to the students on the history of IDB's as well as the legislative framework in which they operate. The students were very engaged and the day was a success and the idea is going to be rolled out across many more schools and IDB's across the country over the next couple of years.

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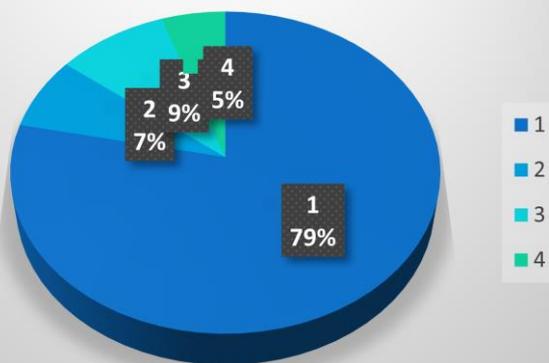
### Investment in New Infrastructure

Despite the difficulties we have faced during Covid lockdowns and the consequent disruption to normal working conditions, the Board is pleased to announce the near completion of a new replacement pumping station at Elmore Back, near Gloucester. This scheme – total cost c£800,00 – provides a new fully automated facility with eel/fish friendly pumps, in line with the Government's environmental requirements for the protection of valuable native species. We are now looking at how best to fund and carry out similar works to ensure that our remaining 4 stations are compliant and thus help to preserve our local fauna for generations to come.



# Income & Expenditure 2022/23

## Income

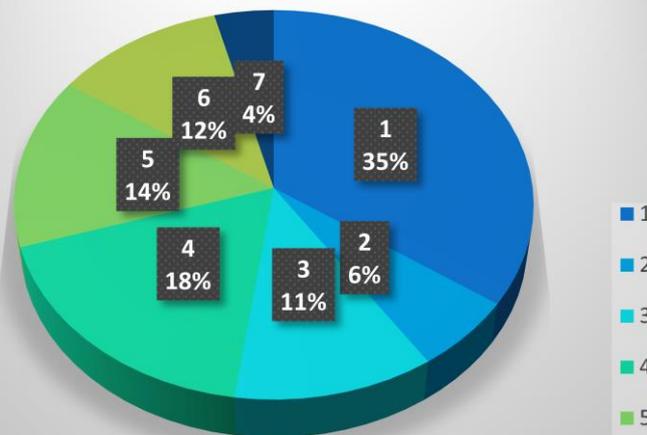


|   | Income                                   | £                |
|---|--|------------------|
| 1 | Levies Charged to Local Authorities      | 1,484,901        |
| 2 | Agricultural Rates                       | 137,196          |
| 3 | Environment Agency Grant                 | 174,099          |
| 4 | Other Income (Including use of reserves) | 99,955           |
|   | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>1,896,151</b> |

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## Expenditure



|   | Expenditure  | £                |
|---|--|------------------|
| 1 | Salaries – Direct  | 667,922          |
| 2 | Salaries - Admin   | 115,817          |
| 3 | Environment Agency Levy  | 222,534          |
| 4 | Maintenance and Minor Improvement Works  | 345,689          |
| 5 | Capital Reserve  | 275,000          |
| 6 | Depreciation on Assets   | 222,708          |
| 7 | Other Expenditure (including Admin, Communication, Legal and Accountancy Fees) | 77,231           |
|   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,926,901</b> |

- **Direct Costs & Overheads**

Direct Costs = 89.7%  
Overheads = 10.3%

- **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 £8.2 million by 2029.

