

How every £10 of your Council Tax is spent

£7.37 - Lincolnshire County Council - for education, roads, care for the elderly and disabled, child protection, public health, fire and rescue, libraries, waste disposal etc

95p - South Holland District Council

- **43p - South Holland District Council** keeps for refuse collections, housing, street cleaning, leisure etc
- **52p - South Holland District Council** has to pay to the **Internal Drainage Boards**



24p - collected on behalf of **Parish Councils**

£1.44 - collected on behalf of **Police and Crime Commissioner** for law and order and crime reduction etc

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 South Holland. 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 South Holland there are five IDBs:

- South Holland,
- Welland and Deepings,
- Black Sluice,
- North Level District, and
- King's Lynn.

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 South Holland District Council, in total for 2025/26 is **£3.6m**. 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.



Pumping station near Holbeach