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Paper Title	Internal Drainage Districts – Precepts, Rates & Levies 2018-19
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Purpose of Paper:	Decision
Recommendation:	To approve the Internal Drainage District (IDD) special levies, drainage rates and precepts for 2018-19.

Impact: To note – all headings might not be applicable to the topic	<p>How do the proposals in this paper help NRW achieve the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act ways of working in terms of:</p> <p>Looking at the long term – The budget proposals will form part of the longer-term strategy to ensure IDD’s are financially geared to delivering their future work programmes.</p> <p>Taking an integrated approach – Joint working between NRW and the Advisory Groups will ensure our targets are integrated with the resources available.</p> <p>Involving a diversity of the population – The budget proposals have been made available for consultation with the Advisory Groups.</p> <p>Working in a collaborative way – Our work programmes includes deliverables we undertake jointly.</p> <p>Preventing issues from occurring – The proposed budgets are set with the input from Advisory Groups and NRW staff as well as looking at past performance to ensure learning is applied.</p>
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Issue

1. The Board are requested to approve the recommendations of the Flood Risk Management Advisory (Board) Group which will be considering the IDD's special levies, drainage rates and precepts for 2018-19.

Background

2. The Board has previously agreed to delegate detailed consideration of these funding proposals to the Flood Risk Management Advisory (Board) Group who will be meeting on the 12th January 2018.
3. All recommendations had been agreed with the various IDD Advisory Meetings prior to the meeting of the Flood Risk Management Advisory (Board) Group.

Assessment

4. We will provide a verbal update of the Flood Risk Management Advisory (Board) Group meeting of whether it recommends approval to the Board. The paper that the Group considered can be found at **Annex A**, which includes full details of the proposals.
5. In summary, the recommendations are to raise Precepts to £298k (from £279k), Special Levies to £1,175k (from £1,156k) and Drainage Rates to £166k (from £150k). The increase is due to us recovering the correct amount via the precept from the IDDs to recognise the benefit that the maintenance of main rivers has on IDDs in North West Wales.

Key Risks

6. If the Precepts, Drainage Rates and Special Levies are not approved then we will not meet the statutory deadlines and the programme of works will not be authorised.
7. Increases to drainage rates in IDDs in North West Wales have been discussed and agreed with the Advisory Groups but there is still a risk of adverse charge payer reaction, if the proposals are agreed by the Board, when they are published.

Recommendations

8. To approve the Internal Drainage District special levies, drainage rates and precepts for 2018-19.

Financial Implications

8. The paper is about the financial position of the IDDs. There will be minor advertising costs involved in communicating the drainage rates agreed in the local area.

Equality Impact assessment (EqIA)

9. Not required.

List of Annexes

Annex A Internal Drainage Districts funding proposals for 2018-19