

Section 1 – Accounting statements 2014/15 for

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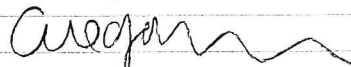
River Lugg

Internal Drainage Board

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2014 £	31 March 2015 £	
			Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
1 Balances brought forward	179466	155720	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2 (+) Rates and special levies	189726	178235	Total amount of direct rates on landowners and special levies on local authorities received or receivable in the year.
3 (+) All other income	3439	62801	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the rates and special levies (line 2). Include all grants and contributions from EA here.
4 (-) Watercourses and pumping stations	134869	153570	Total expenditure or payments including capital spending and employment costs on construction and maintenance of watercourses and pumping stations.
5 (-) Loan interest/ capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the Board's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) All other payments	82042	86656	Total payments or expenditure as recorded in the cashbook less watercourses and pumping stations (line 4) and loan interest/ capital repayments (line 5). Include all contributions to EA here.
7 (=) Balances carried forward	155720	156530	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8 Total cash and short term investments	161944	187845	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9 Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	-	-	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the Board as at 31 March.
10 Total borrowings	-	-	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2015 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the Board and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:



Date 9-4-15

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the Board on this date:

09 04 2015

and recorded as Board minute reference:

15/006

Signed by Chair of meeting approving these accounting statements:



Date 09 04 2015

Section 2 – Annual governance statement 2014/15

We acknowledge as the members of: River Lugg Internal Drainage Board our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2015, that:

	Agreed –		'Yes' means that the board:
	Yes	No*	
1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.
2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3 We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the board to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4 We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the board's accounts.
5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the board and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the board's accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the board's financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of the board.
7 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8 We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the board and where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.

This annual governance statement is approved by the board and recorded as minute reference

15/006

dated 09 04 2015

Signed by:

Chair C. Bridge

dated 09 04 2015

Signed by:

Clerk A. Legg

dated 09 04 2015

*Note: Provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No'. Describe how the board will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 3 – External auditor certificate and opinion 2014/15

Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Audit Commission Act 1998 as transitionally saved, for the year ended 31 March 2015 in respect of:

RIVER LUGG INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD.

Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

The body is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The body prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2015; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

See attached

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention of the board:

See attached

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature



External auditor name

Barrie Morris for Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date

14/9/15

Note: The Audit Commission issued guidance in its Standing Guidance, which is applicable to external auditors' work on 2014/15 accounts.