

Rother District – Council Tax 2017/18

Introduction

The Council has increased its Council Tax by £5.00 for the 2017/18 financial year which equates to an increase of 3% bringing the annual charge to £169.32 for a Band D property. It is expected that this will raise an additional £186,000 for the Council.

The increase helps to reduce the impact of the continued reduction in Government grant. For the next financial year the Council will receive £620,000 less grant followed by a further reduction of £450,000 over the following 2 years. By 2019 the Council will not receive any general grant from the Government to help pay for services. Since 2010, due to the impact of the Government austerity programme on public spending, we have continued to find ways of reducing costs and generating extra income to help bridge the funding gap. The Council continues to strive to improve efficiency by sharing services with others, driving down running costs and investing in technology.

Council Tax per Household

	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Increase £
Band A	£109.55	£112.88	£3.33
Band B	£127.80	£131.69	£3.89
Band C	£146.06	£150.51	£4.45
Band D	£164.32	£169.32	£5.00
Band E	£200.84	£206.95	£6.11
Band F	£237.35	£244.57	£7.22
Band G	£273.87	£282.20	£8.33
Band H	£328.64	£338.64	£10.00

The Total Band D Council Tax is
ESCC
£1,314.36
+
Rother District Council £169.32
+
Sussex Police Authority £153.91
+
East Sussex Fire Authority £88.40
+
Parish/Town Council

Battle Town Council			
	2017/18 Gross Expenditure £	2017/18 Income £	2017/18 Net Expenditure £
Finance and General Purpose	223,495	20,164	203,331
Environment	109,556	22,630	86,926
External Relations and Town Development	21,105	500	20,605
Planning and Transport	14,900	0	14,900
Earmarked Reserves	15,000	0	15,000
Town Council Precept	384,056	43,294	340,762
2016/17 Total	294,013	41,330	252,683

Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2017/18

2016/17 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2017/18 Local Precept £	2017/18 Local Band D Council Tax £	2017/18 Total Band D Council Tax £
675,695	Bexhill (see note)	677,820	41.84	1,767.83
8,234	Ashburnham & Penhurst	9,049	46.70	1,772.69
252,683	Battle	340,762	126.84	1,852.83
21,000	Beckley	21,000	39.55	1,765.54
8,825	Bodiam	9,000	57.22	1,783.21
23,075	Brede	27,780	32.74	1,758.73
7,000	Brightling	7,100	35.27	1,761.26
35,712	Burwash	39,283	31.08	1,757.07
61,432	Camber	64,114	93.11	1,819.10
21,777	Catsfield	22,153	64.02	1,790.01
26,920	Crowhurst	27,323	75.83	1,801.82
8,435	Dallington	8,435	48.49	1,774.48
0	East Guldeford	0	0	1,725.99
35,587	Etchingam	38,793	95.45	1,821.44
62,220	Ewhurst	63,220	117.83	1,843.82
47,000	Fairlight	46,750	53.31	1,779.30
5,000	Guestling	7,860	13.07	1,739.06
33,275	Hurst Green	37,060	64.15	1,790.14
103,811	Icklesham	106,005	86.76	1,812.75
14,000	Iden	14,000	59.12	1,785.11
13,100	Mountfield	13,100	64.78	1,790.77
45,000	Northiam	150,000	153.96	1,879.95
25,770	Peasmarsh	28,000	53.52	1,779.51
19,292	Pett	21,000	44.52	1,770.51
5,000	Playden	5,000	31.22	1,757.21
2,000	Rye Foreign	2,000	11.22	1,737.21
90,825	Salehurst	92,330	90.40	1,816.39
45,054	Sedlescombe	46,344	70.73	1,796.72
118,350	Ticehurst	138,050	84.59	1,810.58
5,303	Udimore	4,100	22.80	1,748.79
33,000	Westfield	34,000	31.84	1,757.83
7,600	Whatlington	7,600	47.92	1,773.91
171,550	Rye (see note)	178,423	94.13	1,820.12
Note:	Local Precept	16/17	Rother Expenses	16/17
	2017/18		2017/18	
Bexhill:	£12,830	£10,595	£664,990	£665,100
Rye:	£128,813	£122,100	£49,610	£49,450

Spending on Services

	2016/17 Net Original Budget £000	2017/18			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Community and Economy	4,334	8,162	4,070	4,092	249
Corporate Services and Human Resources	1,245	1,234	57	1,177	
Corporate Core and Executive Directors	781	1,047	210	837	50
Environmental Services	525	817	233	584	
Finance and Welfare	2,331	32,493	29,733	2,760	1,400
ICT and Customer Services	1,834	2,063	160	1,903	160
Strategy and Planning Development	904	1,890	958	932	
Total Cost of Services	11,954	47,706	35,421	12,285	1,859
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	-135	925	449	476	
Total Rother District Council Budget	11,819	48,631	35,870	12,761	1,859
Local Council Budgets	1,319	1,573		1,573	
Gross Budget Requirements	13,138	50,204	35,870	14,334	1,859

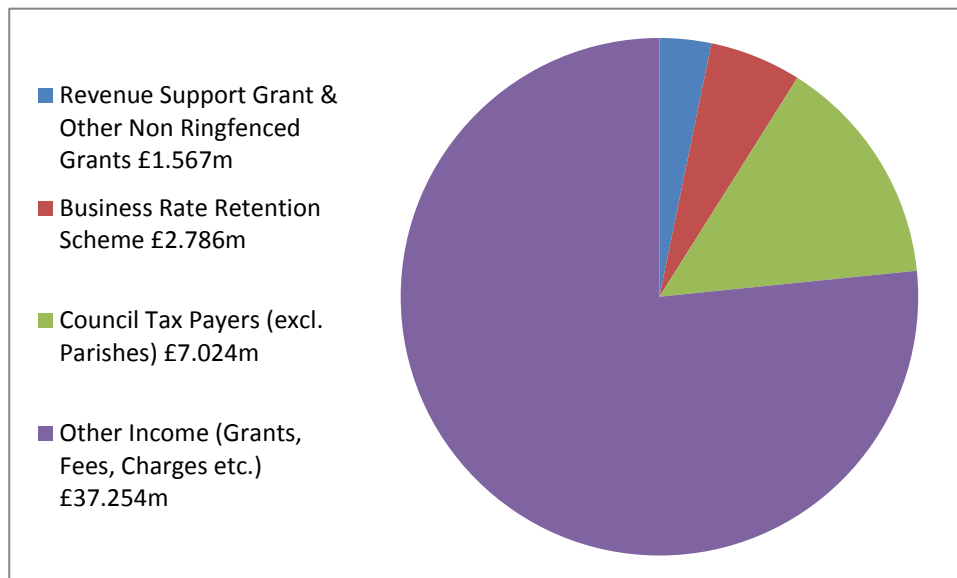
How Spending has Changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2016/17		11,954
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Employee Related Costs	532	
Contractual Inflation and Other Commitments	651	
Savings Achieved	-366	
Income	-486	
Rother District Council Net Spending 2017/18		12,285

Where the Money Comes From	£000	£ per Resident	%
Revenue Support Grant & Other Income	2,952	32	21
Business Rate Retention Scheme	2,786	30	19
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	8,596	93	60
Gross Budget Requirement	14,334	155	100

Who Funds Us

Only a small portion of our services and projects are paid for through Council Tax, the majority of our funding comes from other sources.

The Gross income pie chart below shows the breakdown of where we get our money from.



Other Information

The budget requirement includes levies from the following:-

Romney Marsh Internal Drainage Board	£121,121	(2016/17-£118,769)
Water Level Management Alliance	£3,994	(2016/17- £3,994)

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2017/18 is estimated to be 226 full time equivalents. There is no increase from 2016/17. A number of posts are funded by external sources.

National Fraud Initiative – Fair Processing Notice

Rother District Council is participating in an exercise to promote the proper spending of public money.

The Council is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. It may share information provided to it with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds in order to prevent and detect fraud. The Audit Commission currently requires us to participate in its anti-fraud initiative. For the initiative we provide details of trade creditors, taxi drivers, personal alcohol licences, payroll, Council Tax single person discounts and electoral role so that they can be compared to information provided by other public bodies.

Further information is available on our website at www.rother.gov.uk. However, if you do have any questions, you should contact John Collins, Head of Corporate Services on 01424 787000, who can also provide hard copies of information available on our website.

