

Rother District – Council Tax 2019/20

Introduction

The Council has increased its Council Tax by £5.13 for the 2019/20 financial year which equates to an increase of 2.94% bringing the annual charge to £179.45 for a Band D property. It is expected that this will raise an additional £190,000 for the Council.

There are significant financial pressures on the Council for 2019/20 and beyond. The new Waste Collection and Street Cleaning Contract will cost an additional £1.5 million in a full year over the 2018/19 cost. This reflects the change in this market and the transfer of risk back to the council following the collapse in material prices for recyclates. The Council is responding to these pressures through its Rother 2020 programme which is designed to deliver additional income and savings that will balance the budget by 2023/24. In the interim the Council will use its reserves to best safeguard the essential services it delivers.

Council Tax per Household

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Increase £
Band A	£116.21	£119.63	£3.42
Band B	£135.58	£139.57	£3.99
Band C	£154.95	£159.51	£4.56
Band D	£174.32	£179.45	£5.13
Band E	£213.06	£219.33	£6.27
Band F	£251.80	£259.21	£7.41
Band G	£290.53	£299.08	£8.55
Band H	£348.64	£358.90	£10.26

The Total Band D Council Tax is
ESCC £1,434.78 + Rother District Council £179.45 + Sussex Police Authority £189.91 + East Sussex Fire Authority £93.67 + Parish/Town Council

Battle Town Council			
	2019/20 Gross Expenditure £	2019/20 Income £	2019/20 Net Expenditure £
Finance and General Purpose	244,850	17,950	226,900
Environment	123,104	26,060	97,044
External Relations and Town Development	35,300	600	34,700
Planning and Transport	16,000	0	16,000
Town Council Precept	419,254	44,610	374,644
2018/19 Total	398,949	49,949	349,000

Rye Town Council		
	2018/19	2019/20
	£	£
General Administration	134,101	126,168
Grants/Donations	12,000	14,500
Property Purchase and Maintenance	19,519	13,769
Public Realm	30,242	43,803
Recreation	5,626	500
Tourism	127,143	129,075
Gross Expenditure	328,631	327,815
Income	-175,710	-153,270
Town Council Precept	152,921	174,545

Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2019/20

2018/19 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2019/20 Local Precept £	2019/20 Local Band D Council Tax £	2019/20 Total Band D Council Tax £
679,125	Bexhill (see note)	627,255	37.76	1,935.57
12,000	Ashburnham & Penhurst	12,300	65.01	1,962.82
349,000	Battle	374,644	137.61	2,035.42
23,000	Beckley	23,000	42.35	1,940.16
9,300	Bodiam	9,900	61.95	1,959.76
31,116	Brede	35,954	41.66	1,939.47
7,160	Brightling	7,375	36.69	1,934.50
40,462	Burwash	65,000	51.54	1,949.35
66,930	Camber	68,269	99.97	1,997.78
22,500	Catsfield	22,433	64.02	1,961.83
27,919	Crowhurst	28,338	77.77	1,975.58
8,435	Dallington	8,435	48.14	1,945.95
0	East Guldeford	0	0	1,897.81
46,000	Etchingham	52,000	126.27	2,024.08
64,623	Ewhurst	66,430	123.48	2,021.29
47,000	Fairlight	53,000	59.46	1,957.27
8,096	Guestling	8,096	12.89	1,910.70
43,135	Hurst Green	41,960	71.19	1,969.00
108,051	Icklesham	111,248	90.47	1,988.28
14,000	Iden	14,000	57.95	1,955.76
13,100	Mountfield	13,100	64.82	1,962.63
50,000	Northiam	50,000	47.56	1,945.37
30,800	Peasmarsh	35,000	66.28	1,964.09
23,000	Pett	23,000	48.33	1,946.14
5,000	Playden	5,000	30.51	1,928.32
2,000	Rye Foreign	2,000	11.14	1,908.95
95,560	Salehurst	95,560	92.44	1,990.25
47,734	Sedlescombe	51,314	76.05	1,973.86
138,050	Ticehurst	139,950	84.52	1,982.33
4,200	Udimore	4,200	22.93	1,920.74
36,000	Westfield	38,500	34.39	1,932.20
7,600	Whatlington	7,100	44.13	1,941.94
202,921	Rye (see note)	236,045	121.60	2,019.41
Note:	Local Precept	Rother Expenses		
	2019/20	18/19	2019/20	18/19
Bexhill:	£14,525	£14,125	£612,730	£665,000
Rye:	£174,545	£152,921	£61,500	£50,000

Spending on Services

	2018/19 Net Budget £000	2019/20			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Acquisitions, Transformation & Regeneration	375	1,439	1,357	82	3,860
Environmental Services, Licensing & Community Safety	740	2,487	1,737	750	0
Executive Directors & Corporate Core	2,060	2,502	418	2,084	12,791
Housing & Community	5,404	10,398	3,250	7,148	4,518
Resources	3,286	26,461	23,173	3,288	36
Strategy and Planning	930	2,059	1,098	961	0
Total Cost of Services	12,795	45,346	31,033	14,313	21,205
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	805	1,670	1,013	657	0
Total Rother District Council Budget	13,600	47,016	32,046	14,970	21,205
Local Council Budgets	1,549	1,656	0	1,656	0
Gross Budget Requirements	15,149	48,672	32,046	16,626	21,205

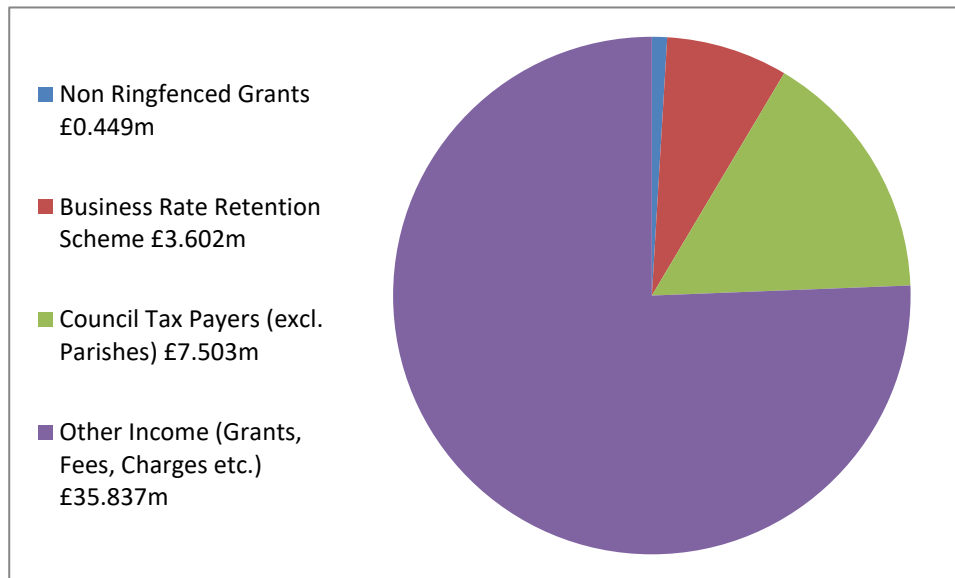
How Spending has Changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2018/19		12,795
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Employee Related Costs	804	
Contractual Inflation and Other Commitments (including new Waste & Street Cleaning contract from 29 th June 2019)	1,070	
Income	-356	
Rother District Council Net Spending 2019/20		14,313

Where the Money Comes From	£000	£ per Resident	%
Income	3,865	41	23
Business Rate Retention Scheme	3,602	38	22
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	9,159	96	55
Gross Budget Requirement	16,626	175	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	£126,004	(2018/19-£123,437)
Pevensey & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board	£4,260	(2018/19-£4,124)

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2019/20 is estimated to be 241 full time equivalents. There is an increase of 2 from 2018/19. 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.

