

Rother District – Council Tax 2020/21

Introduction

The Council has increased its Council Tax by £4.65 for the 2020/21 financial year which equates to an increase of 2.59% bringing the annual charge to £184.10 for a Band D property. It is expected that this will raise an additional £177,000 for the Council.

There are significant financial pressures on the Council for 2020/21 and beyond. The Council is responding to these pressures through its lean and efficiency programmes which are designed to deliver additional income and savings that will balance the budget by 2024/25. In the interim the Council will use its reserves to best safeguard the essential services it delivers.

Council Tax per Household

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Increase £
Band A	£119.63	£122.73	£3.10
Band B	£139.57	£143.19	£3.62
Band C	£159.51	£163.64	£4.13
Band D	£179.45	£184.10	£4.65
Band E	£219.33	£225.01	£5.68
Band F	£259.21	£265.92	£6.71
Band G	£299.08	£306.83	£7.75
Band H	£358.90	£368.20	£9.30

The Total Band D Council Tax is
ESCC
£1,492.02
+
Rother District Council £184.10
+
Sussex Police Authority £199.91
+
East Sussex Fire Authority £95.53
+
Parish/Town Council

Battle Town Council			
	2020/21 Gross Expenditure £	2020/21 Income £	2020/21 Net Expenditure £
Finance and General Purpose	270,254	19,550	250,704
Environment	117,063	26,616	90,447
External Relations and Town Development	23,493	1,600	21,893
Planning and Transport	11,600	0	11,600
Town Council Precept	422,410	47,766	374,644
2019/20 Total	419,254	44,610	374,644

Rye Town Council		
	2019/20	2020/21
	£	£
General Administration	126,168	139,800
Grants/Donations	14,500	6,000
Property Purchase and Maintenance	13,769	21,269
Public Realm	43,803	46,935
Recreation	500	6,000
Tourism	129,075	22,356
Gross Expenditure	327,815	242,360
Income	-153,270	-65,013
Town Council Precept	174,545	177,347

Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2020/21

2019/20 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2020/21 Local Precept £	2020/21 Local Band D Council Tax £	2020/21 Total Band D Council Tax £
627,255	Bexhill (see note)	637,730	38.19	2,009.75
12,300	Ashburnham & Penhurst	12,607	65.59	2,037.15
374,644	Battle	374,644	138.79	2,110.35
23,000	Beckley	23,000	41.45	2,013.01
9,900	Bodiam	10,300	64.78	2,036.34
35,954	Brede	37,830	44.01	2,015.57
7,375	Brightling	7,454	37.08	2,008.64
65,000	Burwash	83,962	66.62	2,038.18
68,269	Camber	69,635	102.42	2,073.98
22,433	Catsfield	22,433	63.17	2,034.73
28,338	Crowhurst	28,338	77.01	2,048.57
8,435	Dallington	8,435	48.39	2,019.95
0	East Guldeford	0	0	1,971.56
52,000	Etchingham	55,000	130.30	2,101.86
66,430	Ewhurst	68,423	126.69	2,098.25
53,000	Fairlight	63,000	70.71	2,042.27
8,096	Guestling	8,096	12.73	1,984.29
41,960	Hurst Green	46,350	78.67	2,050.23
111,248	Icklesham	113,474	92.34	2,063.90
14,000	Iden	16,000	67.06	2,038.62
13,100	Mountfield	13,100	65.70	2,037.26
50,000	Northiam	100,000	94.58	2,066.14
35,000	Peasmarsh	37,000	71.98	2,043.54
23,000	Pett	23,000	48.75	2,020.31
5,000	Playden	5,000	30.58	2,002.14
2,000	Rye Foreign	2,000	11.40	1,982.96
95,560	Salehurst	96,606	92.77	2,064.33
51,314	Sedlescombe	57,184	84.28	2,055.84
139,950	Ticehurst	146,400	89.25	2,060.81
4,200	Udimore	4,200	22.45	1,994.01
38,500	Westfield	42,375	37.70	2,009.26
7,100	Whatlington	7,100	45.11	2,016.67
236,045	Rye (see note)	240,027	124.35	2,095.91
Note:	Local Precept	Rother Expenses		
	2020/21	19/20	2020/21	19/20
Bexhill:	£13,650	£14,525	£624,080	£612,730
Rye:	£177,347	£174,545	£62,680	£61,500

Spending on Services

	2019/20 Net Budget £000	2020/21			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Acquisitions, Transformation & Regeneration Environmental Services, Licensing & Community Safety	-591	1,778	1,966	-188	15,980
Executive Directors & Corporate Core	750	1,064	366	698	0
Housing & Community Resources	2,084	2,163	121	2,042	0
Strategy and Planning	7,365	12,094	3,720	8,374	4,168
	3,264	23,145	19,744	3,401	0
	961	1,983	990	993	0
Total Cost of Services	13,833	42,227	26,907	15,320	20,148
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	464	1,239	958	281	0
Total Rother District Council Budget	14,297	43,466	27,865	15,601	20,148
Local Council Budgets	1,656	1,774	0	1,774	0
Gross Budget Requirements	15,953	45,240	27,865	17,375	20,148

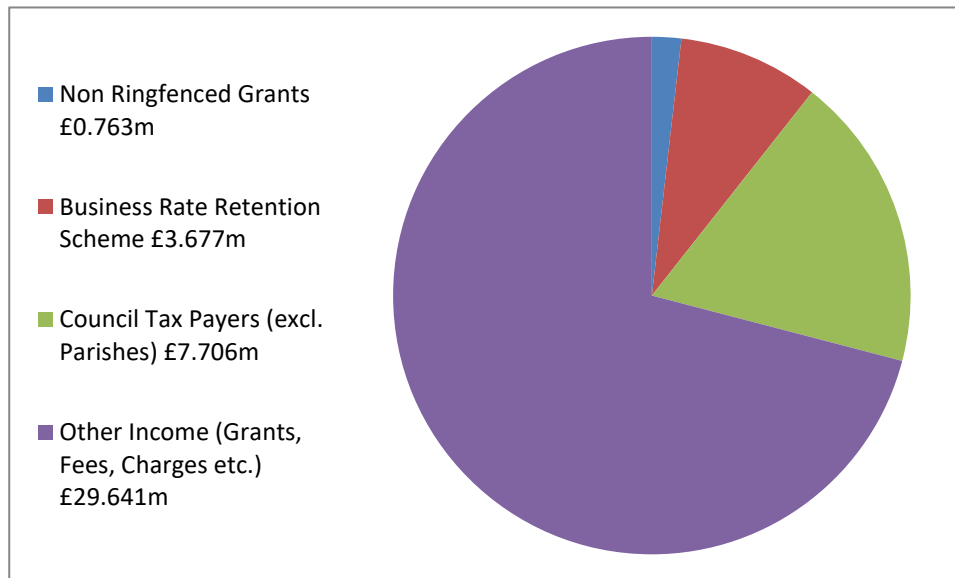
How Spending has Changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2019/20		13,833
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Joint Waste Contract	876	
Temporary Accommodation	172	
Capital Expenditure Charged to Revenue	366	
Staffing and Other Costs	255	
Additional Income	-182	
Rother District Council Net Spending 2020/21		15,320

Where the Money Comes From	£000	£ per Resident	%
Income	2,539	27	16
Business Rate Retention Scheme	3,677	38	24
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	9,480	99	60
Gross Budget Requirement	15,696	164	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	£129,245	(2019/20-£126,004)
Pevensy & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board	£4,348	(2019/20-£4,260)

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2020/21 is estimated to be 250 full time equivalents. There is an increase of 9 from 2019/20. 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.