

Rother District – Council Tax 2022/23

Introduction

The Council has increased its Council Tax by £4.67 for the 2022/23 financial year which equates to an increase of 2.47% bringing the annual charge to £193.38 for a Band D property.

There continues to be significant financial pressures on the Council for 2022/23 and beyond. The Council is responding to these pressures through its financial stability programme which is designed to deliver additional income and savings that will balance the budget by 2025/26. In the interim the Council will use its reserves to best safeguard the essential services it delivers.

Council Tax per Household

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Increase £	The Total Band D Council Tax is
Band A	£125.81	£128.92	£3.11	
Band B	£146.77	£150.41	£3.64	
Band C	£167.74	£171.89	£4.15	
Band D	£188.71	£193.38	£4.67	
Band E	£230.65	£236.35	£5.70	
Band F	£272.58	£279.33	£6.75	
Band G	£314.52	£322.30	£7.78	
Band H	£377.42	£386.76	£9.34	
				ESCC £1,613.34
				+
				Rother District Council £193.38
				+
				Sussex Police Authority £224.91
				+
				East Sussex Fire Authority £99.37
				+
				Parish/Town Council

Battle Town Council			
	2022/23 Gross Expenditure £	2022/23 Income £	2022/23 Net Expenditure £
Finance and General Purpose	281,971	-16,200	265,771
Environment	108,815	-23,104	85,711
External Relations and Town Development	23,383	-750	22,633
Planning and Transport	13,735	0	13,735
Town Council Precept	427,904	-40,054	387,850
2020/21 Total	407,525	-38,695	368,830

Rye Town Council		
	2021/22	2022/23
	£	£
General Administration	129,369	135,507
Grants/Donations/Loans	11,000	7,000
Property Purchase and Maintenance	17,100	14,265
Public Realm	37,851	52,910
Recreation	1,505	1,000
Tourism	23,168	34,954
Gross Expenditure	219,993	245,636
Income	-46,817	-57,044
Town Council Precept	173,176	188,592

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council		
	2021/22	2022/23
	£	£
Central Support	108,900	127,500
Premises Costs	19,900	34,000
Computers and Equipment	8,525	5,000
Communications and Events	61,340	104,500
Member Representation	68,200	45,200
Allotments	2,980	5,000
Other Costs	28,550	46,350
Creation of a General Reserve	75,000	25,000
Gross Expenditure	373,395	392,550
Income	-1,630	-1,630
Town Council Precept	371,765	390,920

Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2022/23

2021/22 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2022/23 Local Precept £	2022/23 Local Band D Council Tax £	2022/23 Total Band D Council Tax £
12,607	Ashburnham & Penhurst	13,000	68.93	2,199.93
368,830	Battle	387,850	142.93	2,273.93
23,000	Beckley	25,000	45.60	2,176.60
999,865	Bexhill (see note)	1,028,380	61.11	2,192.11
10,550	Bodiam	10,980	65.95	2,196.95
37,175	Brede	38,940	45.26	2,176.26
7,506	Brightling	7,739	38.79	2,169.79
88,160	Burwash	105,792	84.28	2,215.28
66,849	Camber	63,498	95.64	2,226.64
26,000	Catsfield	30,000	79.41	2,210.41
28,231	Crowhurst	29,134	79.32	2,210.32
8,435	Dallington	8,435	48.81	2,179.81
0	East Guldeford	0	0.00	2,131.00
76,000	Etchingham	71,500	173.46	2,304.46
70,134	Ewhurst	73,641	133.07	2,264.07
63,000	Fairlight	70,000	77.51	2,208.51
8,500	Guestling	9,180	14.27	2,145.27
43,435	Hurst Green	44,594	76.71	2,207.71
113,775	Icklesham	157,588	129.34	2,260.34
16,000	Iden	16,000	67.28	2,198.28
13,100	Mountfield	13,100	66.23	2,197.23
95,000	Northiam	100,000	95.38	2,226.38
37,000	Peasmarsh	37,000	73.25	2,204.25
23,000	Pett	23,000	48.53	2,179.53
5,000	Playden	5,000	30.40	2,161.40
236,686	Rye (see note)	253,022	132.24	2,263.24
2,000	Rye Foreign	2,000	12.53	2,143.53
98,370	Salehurst	107,770	104.94	2,235.94
57,184	Sedlescombe	58,613	87.46	2,218.46
147,980	Ticehurst	147,550	87.77	2,218.77
7,000	Udimore	6,630	34.86	2,165.86
45,341	Westfield	99,665	89.25	2,220.25
7,100	Whatlington	7,100	44.77	2,175.77
Note:	Local Precept	Rother Expenses		
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
Bexhill:	£390,920	£371,765	£637,460	£628,100
Rye:	£188,592	£173,176	£64,430	£63,510

Spending on Services

	2021/22 Net Budget £000	2022/23			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Acquisitions, Transformation and Regeneration Environmental Services, Licencing and Community Safety	127	2,345	2,362	-17	77,806
Corporate Core	609	2,682	2,053	629	0
Housing, Community and Neighbourhood Services	2,028	2,200	27	2,173	0
Resources	8,186	12,602	4,390	8,212	7,220
Strategy and Planning	3,293	22,624	19,317	3,307	364
	1,043	2,319	994	1,325	48
Total Cost of Services	15,286	44,772	29,143	15,629	85,438
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	469	1,742	635	1,107	0
Total Rother District Council Budget	15,755	46,514	29,778	16,736	85,438
Local Council Budgets	2,151	2,350	0	2,350	0
Gross Budget Requirements	17,906	48,864	29,778	19,086	85,438

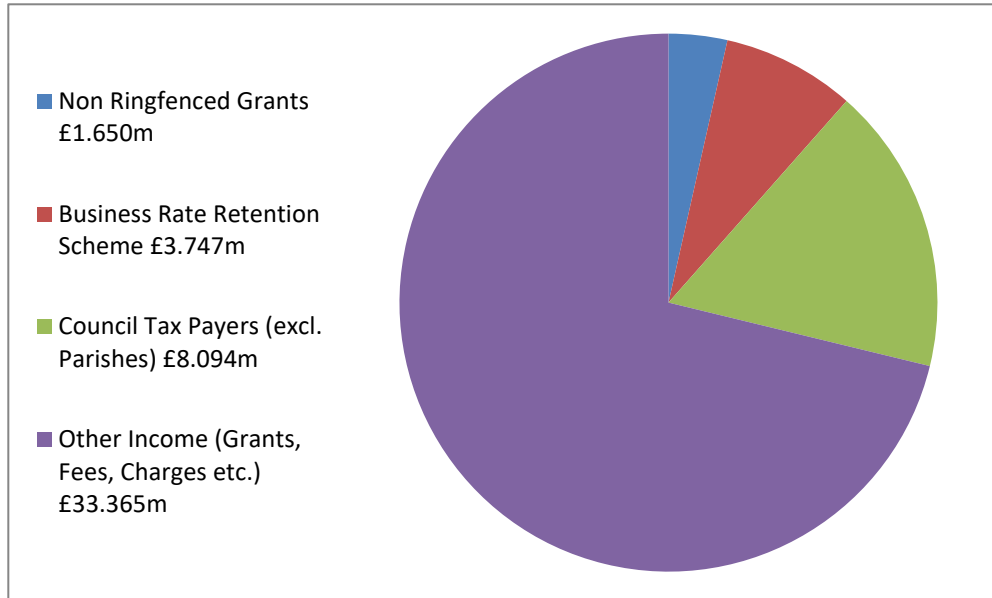
How Spending has Changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2021/22		15,755
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Contractual Inflation	639	
Planning Appeals	300	
Central Budget Contingency	200	
Increase in Net Funding Costs	442	
Increase in Garden Waste Collection Costs	-203	
Removal of one-off financial support to the Leisure Centre	-130	
Roll forward of levelling Up Grant not spent in 21/22	-109	
Property Investment Strategy Rental Income	-139	
Staffing and Other Cost/Income	-19	
Rother District Council Net Spending 2022/23		16,736

Where the Money Comes From	£000	£ per Resident	%
Income	4,895	49	25
Business Rate Retention Scheme	3,747	38	20
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	10,444	106	55
Gross Budget Requirement	19,086	193	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 Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board	£137,819	(2021/22-£131,796)
Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board	£4,626	(2021/22-£4,405)

The number of staff to be employed by the Council in 2022/23 is estimated to be 243 full time equivalents. There is an increase of 1 from 2021/22. 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.