

Rother District – Council Tax 2013/14

Introduction

Rother District Council recognises the tough financial climate and has decided to freeze the Council Tax for a third year. This means the Rother portion of your annual bill will not increase for 2013/14.

Rother's portion of the total Council Tax for a Band D property remains at £161.19, just £3.10 a week, helping us to pay for over 60 different services we deliver. The Council has already seen a 40% reduction in Government funding over the last three years and expects further cuts in 2014/15. We are committed to minimising the impact on frontline services by reducing costs where we can and increasing our other sources of income where possible. Savings and additional income of over £2m have already been achieved through improving how our Council works, including joining services together and developing joint contracts with our neighbouring Councils. More is required and plans are in place to deliver the extra savings needed. The following tables provide more information on your Council Tax.

Council Tax per Household

	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	Increase £
Band A	£107.46	£107.46	£0.00
Band B	£125.37	£125.37	£0.00
Band C	£143.28	£143.28	£0.00
Band D	£161.19	£161.19	£0.00
Band E	£197.01	£197.01	£0.00
Band F	£232.83	£232.83	£0.00
Band G	£268.65	£268.65	£0.00
Band H	£322.38	£322.38	£0.00

The Total Band D Council Tax is
ESCC £1,158.30
+ Rother District Council £161.19
+ Sussex Police Authority £138.42
+ East Sussex Fire Authority £81.86
+ Parish/Town Council

Battle Town Council						
	2012/13			2013/14		
	Gross Expend £	Income £	Net Expend £	Gross Expend £	Income £	Net Expend £
Services	47,220	18,600	28,620	74,910	14,000	60,910
Estates	79,600	7,250	72,350	66,520	7,140	59,380
Administration	94,700	17,450	77,250	98,230	24,500	73,730
Communications	10,200	650	9,550	6,200	400	5,800
Town Council Precept	231,720	43,950	187,770	245,860	46,040	199,820

Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2013/14

2012/13 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2013/14 Local Precept £	2013/14 Local Band D Council Tax £	2013/14 Total Band D Council Tax £
827,750	Bexhill (see note)	653,025	42.95	1,582.72
7,000	Ashburnham & Penhurst	7,000	37.68	1,577.45
187,770	Battle	199,820	79.29	1,619.06
20,000	Beckley	20,000	38.77	1,578.54
8,825	Bodiam	8,825	63.00	1,602.77
20,000	Brede	19,600	24.66	1,564.43
4,167	Brightling	5,493	28.44	1,568.21
35,712	Burwash	35,712	29.92	1,569.69
45,000	Camber	47,600	72.77	1,612.54
23,000	Catsfield	21,500	63.95	1,603.72
26,185	Crowhurst	24,763	71.87	1,611.64
6,435	Dallington	7,435	43.28	1,583.05
0	East Guldeford	0	0	1,539.77
28,250	Etchingham	30,500	82.84	1,622.61
37,814	Ewhurst	58,000	111.59	1,651.36
29,000	Fairlight	32,000	37.57	1,577.34
3,000	Guestling	3,000	5.18	1,544.95
32,000	Hurst Green	32,000	59.41	1,599.18
94,183	Icklesham	96,067	84.23	1,624.00
11,000	Iden	13,000	56.38	1,596.15
11,100	Mountfield	13,100	68.77	1,608.54
47,000	Northiam	43,315	45.74	1,585.51
25,770	Peasmarsh	25,770	54.63	1,594.40
15,738	Pett	17,311	39.51	1,579.28
4,950	Playden	5,000	31.89	1,571.66
1,250	Rye Foreign	2,000	13.88	1,553.65
69,145	Salehurst	79,100	82.29	1,622.06
33,500	Sedlescombe	41,000	67.62	1,607.39
96,726	Ticehurst	110,304	71.07	1,610.84
6,000	Udimore	5,800	33.29	1,573.06
30,000	Westfield	30,000	30.17	1,569.94
7,000	Whatlington	7,000	48.71	1,588.48
127,337	Rye (see note)	166,673	96.39	1,636.16
Note:	Local Precept		Rother Expenses	
	2013/14	12/13	2013/14	12/13
Bexhill:	£8,980	£8,850	£644,045	£818,900
Rye:	£109,487	£84,487	£57,186	£42,850

Spending on Services

	2012/13 Net Original Budget £000	2013/14			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Cultural and Related Services	2,858	2,794	180	2,614	111
Environmental Services	4,690	6,178	1,393	4,785	
Planning and Development Service	1,351	2,490	1,068	1,422	
Highways, Roads and Transport Service	-723	530	1,256	-726	
Housing General Fund	532	33,413	32,730	683	585
Corporate and Democratic Core	2,407	2,339	283	2,056	
Central Services to the Public	412	1,331	836	495	
Support Services	3,061	3,501	74	3,427	100
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	-1,641	334	2,301	-1,967	
Total	12,947	52,910	40,121	12,789	796
Use of Reserves	-1,424		1,186	-1,186	
Total Rother District Council Budget	11,523	52,910	41,307	11,603	796
Local Council Budgets	1,061	1,160		1,160	
Gross Budget Requirements	12,584	54,070	41,307	12,763	796

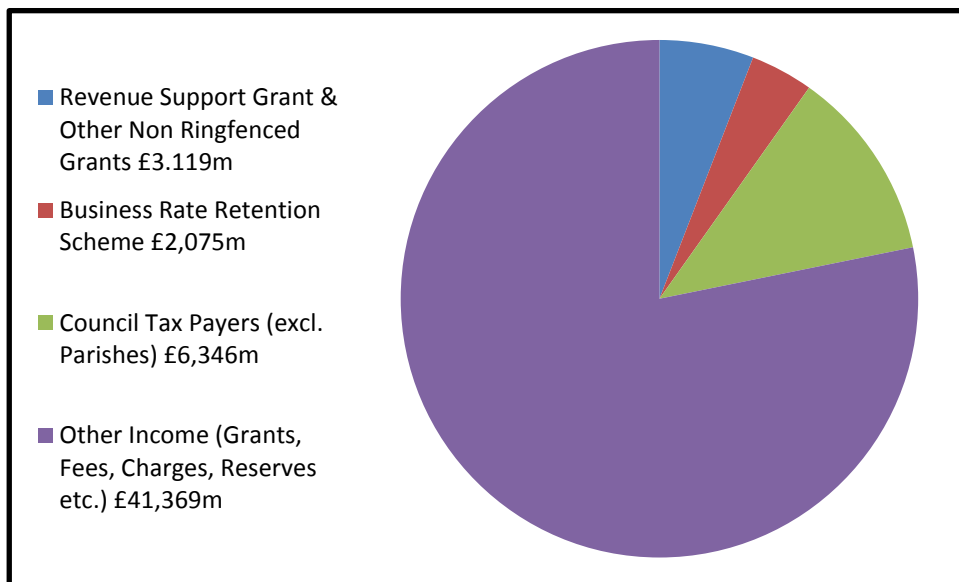
How spending has changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2012/13		11,523
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Employee Related Costs	58	
Contractual Inflation and Other Commitments	815	
Savings Achieved	-327	
Planned Savings	-498	
Additional Use of New Homes Bonus Grant	-442	
Parish Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant	58	
Loss of Council Tax Freeze Grant (2012/13)	178	
Reduction in use of Reserves	238	80
Rother District Council Net Spending 2013/14		11,603

Where the money comes from	£000	£ per resident	%
Revenue Support Grant & Other Non Ringfenced Grants	3,181	35	25
Business Rate Retention Scheme	2,075	23	16
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	7,507	83	59
Gross Budget Requirement	12,763	141	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	£113,801	(2012/13-£113,801)
Environment Agency	£3,584	(2012/13- £3,426)

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2013/14 is estimated to be 240 full time equivalents, a decrease of 2 from 2012/13. 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 Suzanne Collins, Head of Corporate Services on 01424 78700, who can also provide hard copies of information available on our website.