

Rother District – Council Tax 2014/15

Introduction

Rother District Council recognises the tough financial climate and has decided to freeze the Council Tax for a fourth year. This means the Rother portion of your annual bill will not increase for 2014/15.

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 2015/16. 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

| | 2013/14 £ | 2014/15 £ | 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 |
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| ESCC |
| £1,180.89 |
| + |
| Rother District Council £161.19 |
| + |
| Sussex Police Authority |
| £141.12 |
| + |
| East Sussex Fire Authority |
| £83.45 |
| + |
| Parish/Town Council |

| | 2013/14 | | | 2014/15 | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Gross Expend | Income | Net Expend | Gross Expend | Income | Net Expend |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Services | 74,910 | 14,000 | 60,910 | 87,655 | 22,000 | 65,655 |
| Estates | 66,520 | 7,140 | 59,380 | 71,645 | 6,710 | 64,935 |
| Administration | 98,230 | 24,500 | 73,730 | 103,660 | 22,050 | 81,610 |
| Communications | 6,200 | 400 | 5,800 | 6,700 | 400 | 6,300 |
| Town Council Precept | 245,860 | 46,040 | 199,820 | 269,660 | 51,160 | 218,500 |

Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2014/15

| 2013/14 Local Precept £ | Local Tax Area | 2014/15 Local Precept £ | 2014/15 Local Band D Council Tax £ | 2014/15 Total Band D Council Tax £ |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 653,025 | Bexhill (see note) | 663,030 | 43.07 | 1,609.72 |
| 7,000 | Ashburnham & Penhurst | 7,000 | 37.98 | 1,604.63 |
| 199,820 | Battle | 218,500 | 86.20 | 1,652.85 |
| 20,000 | Beckley | 20,000 | 39.33 | 1,605.98 |
| 8,825 | Bodiam | 8,825 | 61.79 | 1,628.44 |
| 19,600 | Brede | 19,990 | 25.05 | 1,591.70 |
| 5,493 | Brightling | 5,724 | 29.51 | 1,596.16 |
| 35,712 | Burwash | 35,712 | 29.54 | 1,596.19 |
| 47,600 | Camber | 49,425 | 76.06 | 1,642.71 |
| 21,500 | Catsfield | 21,009 | 61.86 | 1,628.51 |
| 24,763 | Crowhurst | 26,001 | 73.57 | 1,640.22 |
| 7,435 | Dallington | 7,435 | 42.41 | 1,609.06 |
| 0 | East Guldeford | 0 | 0 | 1,566.65 |
| 30,500 | Etchingam | 30,281 | 82.84 | 1,649.49 |
| 58,000 | Ewhurst | 61,000 | 115.97 | 1,682.62 |
| 32,000 | Fairlight | 32,000 | 37.18 | 1,603.83 |
| 3,000 | Guestling | 2,930 | 5.00 | 1,571.65 |
| 32,000 | Hurst Green | 32,047 | 59.55 | 1,626.20 |
| 96,067 | Icklesham | 96,067 | 83.80 | 1,650.45 |
| 13,000 | Iden | 13,000 | 56.40 | 1,623.05 |
| 13,100 | Mountfield | 13,100 | 67.75 | 1,634.40 |
| 43,315 | Northiam | 44,140 | 46.26 | 1,612.91 |
| 25,770 | Peasmarsh | 25,770 | 53.50 | 1,620.15 |
| 17,311 | Pett | 17,657 | 39.21 | 1,605.86 |
| 5,000 | Playden | 5,000 | 31.77 | 1,598.42 |
| 2,000 | Rye Foreign | 2,000 | 12.79 | 1,579.44 |
| 79,100 | Salehurst | 79,100 | 81.98 | 1,648.63 |
| 41,000 | Sedlescombe | 42,295 | 67.62 | 1,634.27 |
| 110,304 | Ticehurst | 110,114 | 70.38 | 1,637.03 |
| 5,800 | Udimore | 5,800 | 33.50 | 1,600.15 |
| 30,000 | Westfield | 30,000 | 29.75 | 1,596.40 |
| 7,000 | Whatlington | 7,217 | 49.11 | 1,615.76 |
| 166,673 | Rye (see note) | 155,085 | 89.56 | 1,656.21 |
| Note: | Local Precept | | Rother Expenses | |
| | 2014/15 | 13/14 | 2014/15 | 13/14 |
| Bexhill: | £9,110 | £8,980 | £653,920 | £644,045 |
| Rye: | £107,775 | £109,487 | £47,310 | £57,186 |

Spending on Services

| | 2013/14 Net Original Budget £000 | 2014/15 | | | |
|---|--|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Gross Spend £000 | Income £000 | Net Spend £000 | Capital Projects £000 |
| Cultural and Related Services | 2,614 | 2,781 | 188 | 2,593 | 65 |
| Environmental Services | 4,785 | 5,217 | 1,203 | 4,014 | |
| Planning and Development Service | 1,422 | 1,604 | 700 | 904 | |
| Highways, Roads and Transport Service | -726 | 545 | 1,256 | -711 | |
| Housing General Fund | 683 | 32,715 | 32,166 | 549 | 608 |
| Corporate and Democratic Core | 2,056 | 2,402 | 271 | 2,131 | |
| Central Services to the Public | 495 | 1,322 | 830 | 492 | |
| Support Services | 3,427 | 3,203 | 74 | 3,129 | 100 |
| Other Operating Income and Expenditure | -1,967 | 453 | 1,405 | -952 | |
| Total | 12,789 | 50,242 | 38,093 | 12,149 | 773 |
| Use of Reserves | -1,186 | | 187 | -187 | |
| Total Rother District Council Budget | 11,603 | 50,242 | 38,280 | 11,962 | 773 |
| Local Council Budgets | 1,160 | 1,186 | | 1,186 | |
| Gross Budget Requirements | 12,763 | 51,428 | 38,280 | 13,148 | 773 |

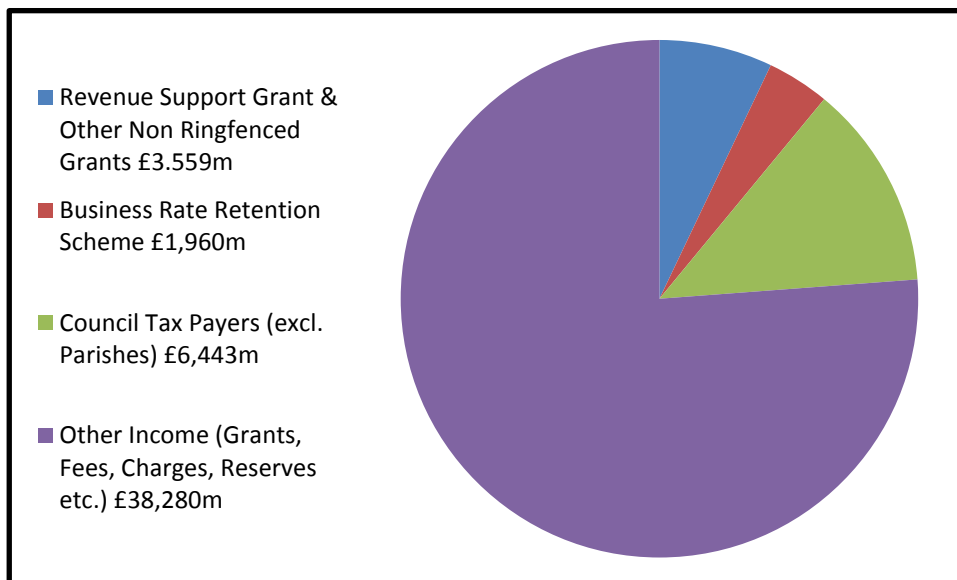
| How spending has changed | £000 | £000 |
|---|--------|---------------|
| Rother District Council Net Spending 2013/14 (#restated) | | 12,442 |
| Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend | | |
| Employee Related Costs | -1,000 | |
| Contractual Inflation and Other Commitments | 286 | |
| Savings Achieved | -408 | |
| Planned Savings | -195 | |
| Income | -162 | |
| Reduction in use of reserves | 999 | |
| Rother District Council Net Spending 2014/15 | | 11,962 |
| # to include New Homes Bonus Grant and Council Tax Freeze Grant | | |

| Where the money comes from | £000 | £ per resident | % |
|---|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Revenue Support Grant & Other Non Ringfenced Grants | 3,559 | 39 | 27 |
| Business Rate Retention Scheme | 1,960 | 21 | 15 |
| Council Taxpayers (including Parishes) | 7,629 | 83 | 58 |
| Gross Budget Requirement | 13,148 | 143 | 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 | £115,277 | (2013/14-£113,801) |
| Environment Agency | £3,584 | (2013/14- £3,584) |

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2014/15 is estimated to be 225 full time equivalents, a decrease of 35 from 2013/14. 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.