

# Rother District – Council Tax 2015/16

## Introduction

Rother District Council recognises the tough financial climate and has decided to freeze the Council Tax for a fifth year. This means the Rother portion of your annual bill will not increase for 2015/16.

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 2016/17. 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 nearly £4m 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

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase £	<b>The Total Band D Council Tax is</b>			
Band A	£107.46	£107.46	£0.00	ESCC			
Band B	£125.37	£125.37	£0.00	<b>£1,203.93</b>			
Band C	£143.28	£143.28	£0.00	+			
Band D	£161.19	£161.19	£0.00	Rother District Council <b>£161.19</b>			
Band E	£197.01	£197.01	£0.00	+			
Band F	£232.83	£232.83	£0.00	Sussex Police Authority			
Band G	£268.65	£268.65	£0.00	<b>£143.91</b>			
Band H	£322.38	£322.38	£0.00	+			
				East Sussex Fire Authority			
				<b>£85.07</b>			
				+			
				Parish/Town Council			

<b>Battle Town Council</b>						
	2014/15			2015/16		
	Gross Expend £	Income £	Net Expend £	Gross Expend £	Income £	Net Expend £
Services	87,655	22,000	65,655	86,670	17,200	69,470
Estates	71,645	6,710	64,935	83,430	5,420	78,010
Administration	103,660	22,050	81,610	107,000	20,380	86,620
Communications	6,700	400	6,300	5,900	0	5,900
<b>Town Council Precept</b>	<b>269,660</b>	<b>51,160</b>	<b>218,500</b>	<b>283,000</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>240,000</b>

## Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2015/16

2014/15 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2015/16 Local Precept £	2015/16 Local Band D Council Tax £	2015/16 Total Band D Council Tax £
663,030	Bexhill (see note)	661,575	42.63	1,636.73
7,000	Ashburnham & Penhurst	8,226	44.30	1,638.40
218,500	Battle	240,000	93.99	1,688.09
20,000	Beckley	21,000	41.05	1,635.15
8,825	Bodiam	8,825	61.41	1,655.51
19,990	Brede	21,500	26.36	1,620.46
5,724	Brightling	7,000	36.17	1,630.27
35,712	Burwash	35,712	29.09	1,623.19
49,425	Camber	64,583	96.96	1,691.06
21,009	Catsfield	21,107	61.86	1,655.96
26,001	Crowhurst	26,521	75.34	1,669.44
7,435	Dallington	8,435	48.30	1,642.40
0	East Guldeford	0	0	1,594.10
30,281	Etchingham	30,500	83.85	1,677.95
61,000	Ewhurst	61,000	113.40	1,707.50
32,000	Fairlight	44,800	52.21	1,646.31
2,930	Guestling	2,957	5.00	1,599.10
32,047	Hurst Green	32,200	58.85	1,652.95
96,067	Icklesham	101,848	87.53	1,681.63
13,000	Iden	14,000	60.05	1,654.15
13,100	Mountfield	13,100	67.82	1,661.92
44,140	Northiam	45,023	47.59	1,641.69
25,770	Peasmarsch	25,770	51.93	1,646.03
17,657	Pett	24,468	53.65	1,647.75
5,000	Playden	5,000	31.14	1,625.24
2,000	Rye Foreign	2,000	12.84	1,606.94
79,100	Salehurst	79,100	80.98	1,675.08
42,295	Sedlescombe	42,479	67.67	1,661.77
110,114	Ticehurst	115,015	71.79	1,665.89
5,800	Udimore	5,800	32.89	1,626.99
30,000	Westfield	33,000	32.79	1,626.89
7,217	Whatlington	7,361	49.10	1,643.20
155,085	Rye (see note)	157,512	90.12	1,684.22
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Local Precept</b>		<b>Rother Expenses</b>	
	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>14/15</b>
Bexhill:	£9,090	£9,110	£652,485	£653,920
Rye:	£108,767	£107,775	£48,745	£47,310

## Spending on Services

	2014/15 Net Original Budget £000	2015/16			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Cultural and Related Services	2,593	2,716	190	2,526	114
Environmental Services	4,014	5,070	1,532	3,538	
Planning and Development Service	904	1,651	671	980	
Highways, Roads and Transport Service	-711	554	1,256	-702	
Housing General Fund	549	31,558	30,941	617	585
Corporate and Democratic Core	2,131	2,361	276	2,085	
Central Services to the Public	492	1,418	867	551	
Support Services	3,129	3,254	78	3,176	
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	-952	1,197	1,241	-44	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,149</b>	<b>49,779</b>	<b>37,052</b>	<b>12,727</b>	<b>699</b>
Use of Reserves	-187		289	-289	
<b>Total Rother District Council Budget</b>	<b>11,962</b>	<b>49,779</b>	<b>37,341</b>	<b>12,438</b>	<b>699</b>
Local Council Budgets	1,186	1,266		1,266	
<b>Gross Budget Requirements</b>	<b>13,148</b>	<b>51,045</b>	<b>37,341</b>	<b>13,704</b>	<b>699</b>

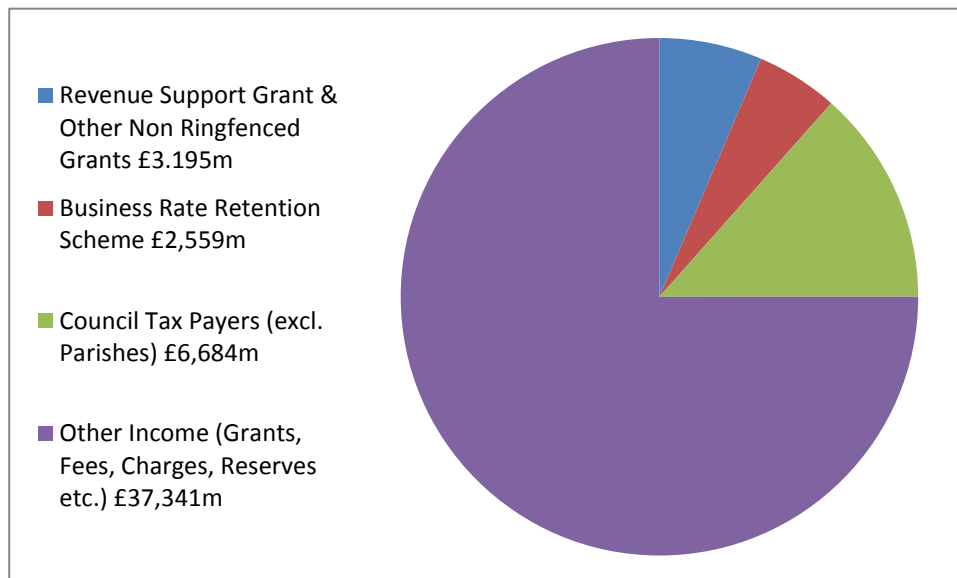
How spending has changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2014/15		11,962
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Employee Related Costs	-116	
Contractual Inflation and Other Commitments	250	
Savings Achieved	-576	
Planned Savings	-33	
Income	-288	
Change in use of reserves	1,239	
<b>Rother District Council Net Spending 2015/16</b>		<b>12,438</b>

Where the money comes from	£000	£ per resident	%
Revenue Support Grant & Other Non Ringfenced Grants	3,195	35	23
Business Rate Retention Scheme	2,559	28	19
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	7,950	88	58
<b>Gross Budget Requirement</b>	<b>13,704</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>100</b>

## 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	£116,437	(2014/15-£115,277)
Environment Agency	£4,002	(2014/15- £3,584)

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2015/16 is estimated to be 226 full time equivalents, an increase of 1 from 2014/15. 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](http://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.