

Rother District – Council Tax 2016/17

Introduction

The Council has increased its Council Tax by 1.94% for the 2016/17 financial year. This equates to an extra £3.13 bringing the annual charge to £164.32 for a Band D property. This is the first increase since 2010. It is expected that this will raise an additional £115,000 for the Council.

The increase helps to reduce the impact of the continued reduction in Government grant. For the next financial year the Council will receive £800,000 less grant followed by a further reduction of £1m over the following 3 years. By 2019 the Council will not receive any general grant from the Government to help pay for services. Since 2010, due to the impact of the Government austerity programme on public spending, we have continued to find ways of reducing costs and generating extra income to help bridge the funding gap. In total we have made savings or increased income by around £5m over this period by improving efficiency, sharing services with other authorities, driving down running costs and investing in technology.

Council Tax per Household

	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Increase £
Band A	£107.46	£109.55	£2.09
Band B	£125.37	£127.80	£2.43
Band C	£143.28	£146.06	£2.78
Band D	£161.19	£164.32	£3.13
Band E	£197.01	£200.84	£3.83
Band F	£232.83	£237.35	£4.52
Band G	£268.65	£273.87	£5.22
Band H	£322.38	£328.64	£6.26

The Total Band D Council Tax is
ESCC
£1,251.90
+
Rother District Council £164.32
+
Sussex Police Authority £148.91
+
East Sussex Fire Authority £86.72
+
Parish/Town Council

Battle Town Council			
	2016/17 Gross Expenditure £	2016/17 Income £	2016/17 Net Expenditure £
Finance and General Purpose	169,213	20,100	149,113
Environment	108,350	21,230	87,120
External Relations and Town Development	3,850	0	3,850
Planning and Transport	12,600	0	12,600
Town Council Precept	294,013	41,330	252,683
2015/16 Total	283,000	43,000	240,000

Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2016/17

2015/16 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2016/17 Local Precept £	2016/17 Local Band D Council Tax £	2016/17 Total Band D Council Tax £
661,575	Bexhill (see note)	675,695	42.25	1,694.10
8,26	Ashburnham & Penhurst	8,234	43.63	1,695.48
240,000	Battle	252,683	95.40	1,747.25
21,000	Beckley	21,000	39.71	1,691.56
8,825	Bodiam	8,825	59.30	1,711.15
21,500	Brede	23,075	27.72	1,679.57
7,000	Brightling	7,000	35.50	1,687.35
35,712	Burwash	35,712	28.65	1,680.50
64,583	Camber	61,432	89.47	1,741.32
21,107	Catsfield	21,777	63.06	1,714.91
26,521	Crowhurst	26,920	74.33	1,726.18
8,435	Dallington	8,435	47.89	1,699.74
0	East Guldeford	0	0	1,651.85
30,500	Etchingham	35,587	89.78	1,741.63
61,000	Ewhurst	62,220	115.59	1,767.44
44,800	Fairlight	47,000	53.77	1,705.62
2,957	Guestling	5,000	8.23	1,660.08
32,000	Hurst Green	33,275	58.34	1,710.19
101,848	Icklesham	103,811	85.20	1,737.05
14,000	Iden	14,000	59.07	1,710.92
13,100	Mountfield	13,100	65.71	1,717.56
45,023	Northiam	45,000	46.16	1,698.01
25,770	Peasmarsh	25,770	50.19	1,702.04
24,468	Pett	19,292	41.63	1,693.48
5,000	Playden	5,000	30.09	1,681.94
2,000	Rye Foreign	2,000	11.58	1,663.43
79,100	Salehurst	90,825	90.40	1,742.25
42,479	Sedlescombe	45,054	68.98	1,720.83
115,015	Ticehurst	118,350	72.77	1,724.62
5,800	Udimore	5,303	29.18	1,681.03
33,000	Westfield	33,000	31.71	1,683.56
7,361	Whatlington	7,600	50.20	1,702.05
157,512	Rye (see note)	171,550	93.53	1,745.38
Note:	Local Precept	15/16	Rother Expenses	15/16
	2016/17		2016/17	
Bexhill:	£10,595	£9,090	£665,100	£652,485
Rye:	£122,100	£108,767	£49,450	£48,745

Spending on Services

	2015/16 Net Original Budget £000	2016/17			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Cultural and Related Services	2,526	2,361	192	2,169	115
Environmental Services	3,538	5,134	1,543	3,591	
Planning and Development Service	980	1,676	649	1,027	
Highways, Roads and Transport Service	-702	560	1,253	-693	
Housing General Fund	617	29,911	29,342	569	585
Corporate and Democratic Core	2,085	2,459	272	2,187	
Central Services to the Public	551	1,475	790	685	
Support Services	3,176	3,318	84	3,234	173
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	-44	1,062	1,341	-279	
Total	12,727	47,956	35,466	12,490	873
Use of Reserves	-289		630	-630	
Total Rother District Council Budget	12,438	47,956	36,096	11,860	873
Local Council Budgets	1,266	1,319		1,319	
Gross Budget Requirements	13,704	49,275	36,096	13,179	873

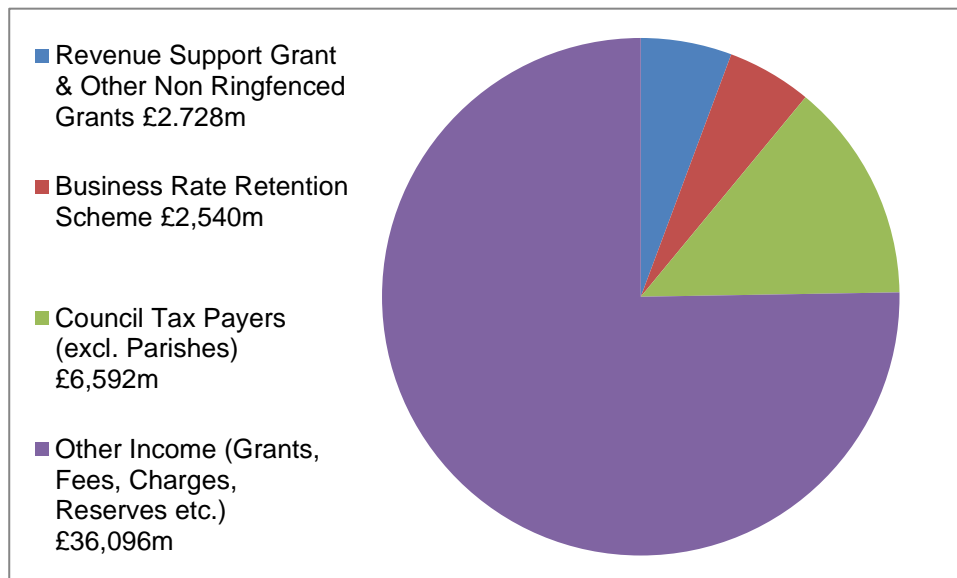
How Spending has Changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2015/16		12,438
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Employee Related Costs	235	
Contractual Inflation and Other Commitments	174	
Savings Achieved	-393	
Income	-203	
Change in use of reserves	-391	
Rother District Council Net Spending 2016/17		11,860

Where the Money Comes From	£000	£ per Resident	%
Revenue Support Grant & Other Non Ringfenced Grants	2,728	30	21
Business Rate Retention Scheme	2,540	28	19
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	7,911	86	68
Gross Budget Requirement	13,179	144	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	£118,769	(2015/16-£116,437)
Environment Agency	£3,994	(2015/16- £4,002)

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2016/17 is estimated to be 226 full time equivalents. There is no increase from 2015/16. 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.

