

Bexhill Community Governance Review
Parish and Town Councils Suggested by Respondents to the Stage 1 Consultation

Some respondents to the Stage 1 consultation suggested the Council consider the following parish and town councils as examples of the role and work of a parish and town council. Councils are listed in order of the population served by the Council (largest at the top). N.B. population of Bexhill is 44,200 based on the ONS mid-year estimates 2015. Additional examples, not suggested by respondents, of town councils of similar size to Bexhill are provided at the end of this table.

Council	Elected Members	Staff	Committees (in addition to Full Council meetings)	Functions & services provided (all town councils have mayoralty functions)	Political Groups	Council Tax precept total £	Average £ Band D property, approx. £ per month
Kidderminster Town, Wyre Forest, Worcestershire Established 2015/16 Population Served: 55,500	18 in 6 wards	>2, no. of TUPE staff not specified	4: Planning, staffing, events advisory, strategic advisory and working groups (was 11 committees and working groups in 2016)	Churchyard, statue, clock tower, war memorials, street furniture, paddling pool, public toilets, Christmas events & lights, town centre flowers, arts collections & promotion, arts festival, community & sports awards, grants, Town Hall, town twinning.	None stated	482,850	29 £2.90 a month over 10 months, £2.42 over 12 months
Folkestone Town Established 2004 Population Served: 43,000	18 in 7 wards	10	4: Finance & general purposes, planning, community services, grants and 1 sub-committee, 6 working groups	Museum & heritage, allotments, grants, tree management, magazine, events & campaigns, parks/gardens, Christmas lights & events, youth facilities, tourist information, CCTV, war memorial, statue, salt bins, The Old Town Hall.	Conservative (majority) UKIP Labour People First	666,735 (£284,581 = 2015/16 staff costs)	49.95 £5 a month over 10 months, £4.16 over 12 months
Ramsgate Town, Kent Estd. 2009 Population Served: 40,410	16 in 7 wards	7	4: Amenities, finance & general purposes, planning & environment, town promotion	Allotments, visitor information centre (staffed by volunteers), Custom House, grants, events, newsletter/magazine, coastal community partnership member, neighbourhood plan, 'Visit' & 'Invest In' websites, town twinning, town promotion.	UKIP (majority) Labour Conservative	413,904 (£137,553 = 2015/16 staff costs)	38.43 £3.85 over 10 months, £3.21 over 12 months
Canvey Island Town, Essex Estd. 2007 Population Served: 38,170	11	4	5: community relations, policy & finance, environment & open spaces, personnel, planning plus one liaison committee	Allotments, gardens, park, lake, tidal pool and section of beach, litter, dog fouling, seats & shelters, newsletter & notice boards, events, town centre planting, community warden, grants, financial support for youth worker.	None stated	235,943 (£111,450 = 2015/16 staff costs)	20.61 £2.07 over 10 months, £1.72 over 12 months
Blyth Town, Northumberland Estd 2009 Population Served: 37,340	16 in 8 wards	6	7: Allotments, assets, community grants, events, finance, planning & development, staff.	Allotments, community grants, In Bloom, environmental services (partnership with county/unitary inc. litter bins, grass cutting, weeds, street sweeping, bus shelters, toilets), play areas, inspection/cleaning public seating, war memorials, commemorative (blue) plaques	None stated	1,062,290 (£176,075 = 2015/16 staff costs)	119.53
Abingdon Town, Oxfordshire Population Served: 33,130	19 in 6 wards	Unknown	6: Planning & highways, amenities & recreation, County Hall Museum management, Guildhall, community services, finance & general purposes	Archives, PCSOs part funded, cemeteries, allotments, Christmas lights, events, fairs, fishing permits, newsletter, town guide & map, markets & market place, guildhall, museum, recreation areas, play areas, agents for residents parking scheme, visitor & community information centre, war memorial, public spaces, street furniture (bus shelters, seating, notice boards, some bins), salt bins, grants, town twinning	None stated	1,372,839 (£740,348 = 2015/16 staff costs)	115.23 £11.53 a month over 10 months, £9.61 over 12 months
Harpenden Town, Hertfordshire Population Served: 30,000	16 in 4 wards	20 inc. 1 apprentice	5: Environment, Human Resources, Planning A, Planning B, Strategic Planning and 9 working parties	Allotments, street collection licenses, market, community grants, common (events, pond, pitches, golf, byelaws, dog bins, educational resources), In Bloom, one stop shop for all local authorities, parks and open spaces inc. recreation ground, public conveniences, trees, town guide, community hall.	Conservative (majority) Independent	929,350 (£498,826 = 2015/16 staff costs)	67.52 £6.76 over 10 months, £5.63 over 12 months

Sevenoaks Town, Kent Population Served: 29,500	16 in 6 wards	29, 24 FTE plus apprentices & casual staff	5: Planning, finance & general purposes, open spaces & leisure, personnel, town partnership and sub committees	Café & gardens, arts centre, public toilets, historic sites, youth services, community centre, Council Offices & Chamber, cemeteries, sports pitches, playgrounds, bandstand, recreation grounds, common, open spaces, baskets & planters, car parks, events including Christmas events & illuminations & summer concerts, supported bus service, bus shelters, 3 markets, town twinning, grants, allotments, magazine, info pods & screens	Conservative (majority) Liberal Democrat	973,618 (£619,814 = 2014/15 staff costs)	105.53 £10.56 a month over 10 months, £8.79 over 12 months
Stratford on Avon Town Established 1974 Population Served: 27,500	18 in 9 wards	16	5: General purposes, finance & scrutiny, planning consultative, mayoral & protocol, human resources and sub-groups	Avon mooring, cemeteries & churchyards, war memorials, clocks, crime prevention, dog, salt & litter bins, gardens, grants, Planning (advisory), street furniture, Town Hall, markets contracted out, events	Liberal Democrat (majority) Independent Conservative Labour	465,819 (£268,892 = 2015/16 staff costs)	38.32 £3.84 a month over 10 months, £3.19 over 12 months
Haywards Heath Town Population Served: 25,300	16 in 5 wards	14 inc. 1 seasonal + 2 in a CIC	3: Planning, policy & finance, environment & general purposes plus 7 sub committees and working groups	Town Hall, public open space grounds maintenance, war memorial, cemetery, allotments, grants, town guide, street furniture including most street lighting, salt bins, bus shelters, provision and maintenance of litter bins (not emptying), town twinning support, sports forum, Highways works taken on through CIC: weeding, sign cleaning, clearing sight lines, gully clearance, removal graffiti and fly tipping, managing defects, damage to highways & street furniture, art trail.	None stated	493,968 (£311,886 = 2015/16 staff costs)	43.83 £4.39 a month over 10 months, £3.65 over 12 months
Seaford Town Established 1999 Population Served: 24,338	20 in 5 wards	23 plus casual staff	4: community services, planning and highways, finance & general purposes, golf & The View, plus personnel committee	War memorials, cemetery, recreation grounds, seafront, refreshment & other concessions, market, filming licences, allotments, arts centre, beach huts (some), rehearsal space, gardens, event fields, Martello tower (museum), memorial benches, recreation ground, golf course & combined club house, restaurant, meeting venue, nature reserve, In Bloom, Town Crier, honorary freemen, town guide	None stated	612,553 (£477,806 = 2015/16 staff costs)	65.41 £6.54 over 10 months, £5.45 over 12 months
Crowborough Town Population Served: 22,000	16 in 5 wards	20 inc. 6 seasonal	6: Communications & events, environment, finance & general purposes, personnel, sport, recreation & cemetery, planning & development	Allotments, cemetery, sport & recreation grounds (8), bluebell wood & country park, memorial garden, community centre, poster boards, grants, newsletter, events, town twinning support, Town Hall, planting & baskets	None stated	1,278,452 (£409,604 = 2015/16 staff costs)	151.55 £15.16 a month over 10 months, £12.63 over 12 months
Hailsham Town Population Served: 20,400	24 in 4 wards	28	5: Finance, budget & resources, strategic projects, neighbourhood planning, communities, planning & development and 1 current sub-committee	Offices inc. information point for all enquiries, street lighting maintenance, allotments, play areas and playing fields, country park, pond, parks & gardens, other public space, cemetery, youth service, grants, dog bin maintenance, tree warden, newsletter	Conservative (majority) Liberal Democrat Independent	910,484 (£588,608 = 2015/16 staff costs)	126.35 £12.64 a month over 10 months, £10.54 over 12 months
Lewes Town Population Served: 17,783	18 in 3 wards	14	1: Planning plus panels for personnel, internal audit/corporate governance and grants.	Open air pool, Lewes Priory, Town Hall, community centres, litter bins, bus shelters, street furniture, allotments, downland, CCTV support, environmental cleansing support, grants, newsletter	Liberal Democrat (majority) Green Independent Indep. Green	860,072 (£428,247 = 2015/16 staff costs)	141.71 £14.71 over 10 months, £11.81 over 12 months
Uckfield Town Population Served: 15,100	15 in 4 wards	17 plus restaurant staff	3: General purposes, environment & leisure, plans and 3 sub-committees	Civic centre & restaurant, community centre, allotments, cemetery, sport pitches & pavilions, play areas, parks, woodland, nature reserves, pond, litter & dog bins, graffiti removal, bus shelters, street furniture, floral displays, 200 street lights owned but maintained by ESCC, newsletter, photographic calendar/competition, regeneration in partnership	None stated	835,219 (£417,377 = 2015/16 staff costs)	149.74 £14.98 over 10 months, £12.48 over 12 months

Great Baddow, Chelmsford Population Served: 15,000	13	6	6: Planning, finance & general purposes, organisation, methods & personnel, highways & amenities, parish hall, grounds and 2 sub-committees	Allotments, recreation ground, play areas, outdoor gym, sports courts, cemeteries, parish halls, village sign, bus shelters, litter & dog bins, some seats, grants and awards for services, community centre	None stated	355,639 (£315,269 = 2015/16 staff costs)	66.78 £6.68 over 10 months, £5.57 over 12 months
Southborough Town, Tunbridge Wells, Kent Estd. 1974 Population Served: 12,330	18 in 3 wards	1	2: Planning & transportation Finance & parks	Town guide, newsletter, allotments, common, pond & fishing licences, playing fields, recreation grounds & courts, play area, outdoor gym, war memorial, cemetery, civic awards, community centre, building of new community hub (inc. medical centre, hall/theatre space, town council offices, library, café/bar) in partnership with borough & county, along with new pitches & pavilion.	Conservative (majority) Labour Liberal Democrat	445,715 (£278,640 = 2015/16 staff costs)	108.64 £10.87 over 10 months, £9.06 over 12 months
Battle Town, Rother, East Sussex Population Served: 6,700	17 in 4 wards	4	4: Environment, external relations & town development, finance & general purposes, planning & transport and 2 sub-committees	Civic awards, The Almonry (offices, museum, public garden), allotments, cemetery, church yard, recreation grounds, play area, open spaces, magazine, grants, town twinning, writing competition, events	None	252,683 (£133,354 = 2015/16 staff costs)	95.40 £9.54 over 10 months, £7.95 over 12 months
Lingfield, Surrey Population Served: 4,500	7	1	1: Planning	Community centre (owned not managed), nature reserve (owned not managed), allotments, pond, grounds maintenance & graffiti removal, war memorial, village punishment cage, benches, flag pole, notice boards, financial help to some bodies, grants, co-ordinates volunteers on Speedwatch	None	50,000	26.49 £2.65 over 10 months, £2.21 over 12 months
Rye Town, Rother, East Sussex Population Served: 4,300	16	14	2: Policy, resources & general purposes, planning & townscape and one ad-hoc charity committee	Town Hall, heritage centre, playing field, cottage, skate park, signage, street collection permits, community grants, welfare grants, events fund, newsletter	None	122,100 (£97,242 = 2012/13 staff costs)	66.56 £6.57 over 10 months, £5.55 over 12 months
Brede Parish, Rother, East Sussex Population Served: 1,760	9	1	1: Planning	Village hall, recreation ground, trees, seats & bus shelters, voluntary car scheme, footpath liaison, newsletter	None	23,075	27.72 2.78 over 10 months, £2.31 over 12 months
Sedlescombe Parish, Rother, East Sussex Population Served: 1,500	9	1	1: Finance	Playing field & recreation ground, playground, village green, nature park, bus shelter, seats, dog & litter bins, signs, sports field (owned not managed), village hall car park (owned not managed)	None	45,054	68.97 £6.90 over 10 months, £5.75 over 12 months

Town Councils for similar Populations to Bexhill

For comparison purposes, here is a small selection of town councils serving a population similar in size to Bexhill's population. These councils were not suggested by respondents to the Stage 1 consultation. Bexhill's population is 44,200 based on the ONS mid-year estimates 2015 (2016). (Please also see Folkestone, similar in size to Bexhill, on the list of parishes suggested by consultation respondents.)

Council	Elected Members	Staff	Committees (in addition to Full Council meetings)	Functions & services provided (all have mayoralty)	Political Groups	Council Tax precept total £	Average £ Band D property, approx. £ per month
Royal Leamington Spa Est. 2002/03 Population Served & Tax base: 49,500	16 in 8 wards	Yes, no number given but 130k budget	6: Allotment, staffing, neighbourhood plan, cultural & community, planning, policy & resources	Community and activity/event grants and support, Christmas lights, blue plaque scheme, allotments (owned not managed), gardens & park, tree planting, street furniture.	No majority Labour Conservative Liberal Democrat Green	323,386	19.74 £1.98 over 10 months, £1.65 over 12 months
Banbury, Oxfordshire Est. 2000 Population Served & Tax base: 46,900	22 in 12 wards	14	4: Planning, general services, resources, traffic advisory	Allotments, bus shelters, by-laws, cemeteries, crime prevention initiatives, dog & litter bins, grit bins, events, grants to voluntary orgs, parks, open spaces & play areas, planning (consultative), public clocks, recreation & facilities including pitches, courts & pavilions, skate ramps, park rangers, tree planting, town hall, town publicity & tourism, cross, statue. Highways grass verge cutting in agency agreement from county. Library phone box, chewing gum removal, some snow clearance & gritting, Fairtrade town, town guide, In Bloom.	Conservative (majority) Labour	1,666,853 (£491,548 = 2014/15 staff costs)	122.12 £12.22 over 10 months, £10.18 over 12 months
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk Est. 2003 Population Served & Tax base: 40,700	17 in 9 wards	3	2: Planning, Licensing & Finance, Staffing & employment	Allotments, nativity scene, war memorials, salt/grit bins, dog & litter bins, grants and awards, In Bloom, 2 events.	None	302,465 (£84,395 = 2015/16 staff costs)	23.40 £2.34 over 10 months, £1.95 over 12 months
Salisbury City, Wiltshire Est. 2009 Population Served & Tax base: 40,300	23 in 8 wards	60	3: Policy & resources, services, planning & transportation plus 1 sub-committee	Allotments, all city grounds maintenance, play areas, shopmobility, a square, a marketplace, markets, multiple monuments, health centre, camping & caravan site (owned not managed), car parks, cemeteries, crematorium, fair, community development, Guildhall, memorial trees & benches, parks & open spaces, play areas, sports walls, skate parks, nature reserves & wildflower areas, community orchards, litter/dog bins, fly tipping, public conveniences, information centre, gift shop, sports pitches & pavilions, town twinning, Also own & lease shops & offices, gym, farm, bunker, various sports clubs grounds, etc. garages for rent, In Bloom, community grants, events & festivals.	No majority Conservative Labour Liberal Democrat Independent Green	1,496,763 (£1,409,428 = 2015/16 staff costs)	£105 £10.50 over 10 months, £8.75 over 12 months
Andover, Hampshire Est. 2010 Population Served & Tax base: 38,290	19 in 5 wards	3	3: Policy & resources, planning, assets & amenities, community engagement, allotment plus steering groups and working groups	Grants, events & festivals, Christmas lights, youth council, allotments.	None	261,652 (£58,651 = 2015/16 staff costs)	20.03 £2.01 over 10 months, £1.67 over 12 months