

# Rother District – Council Tax 2018/19

## Introduction

The Council has increased its Council Tax by £5.00 for the 2018/19 financial year which equates to an increase of 2.95% bringing the annual charge to £174.32 for a Band D property. It is expected that this will raise an additional £186,305 for the Council.

While the Council has reduced the workforce and made efficiencies, the scope for significant efficiency savings is limited without harming or losing further services. The overall reduction in income from taxation and government grant is £1.351m since 2015/16 before considering the impact of inflation. By 2019 the Council will not receive any general grant from the Government. Clearly, council tax increases and efficiency savings alone cannot balance the Councils budget. Further savings and income generation of almost £1 million are built into the forward financial plan.

## Council Tax per Household

	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Increase £
Band A	£112.88	£116.21	£3.33
Band B	£131.69	£135.58	£3.89
Band C	£150.51	£154.95	£4.44
Band D	£169.32	£174.32	£5.00
Band E	£206.95	£213.06	£6.11
Band F	£244.57	£251.80	£7.23
Band G	£282.20	£290.53	£8.33
Band H	£338.64	£348.64	£10.00

The Total Band D Council Tax is
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£1,393.11
+
Rother District Council £174.32
+
Sussex Police Authority £165.91
+
East Sussex Fire Authority £91.00
+
Parish/Town Council

Battle Town Council			
	2018/19 Gross Expenditure £	2018/19 Income £	2018/19 Net Expenditure £
Finance and General Purpose	229,400	20,600	208,800
Environment	110,899	28,349	82,550
External Relations and Town Development	24,150	1,000	23,150
Planning and Transport	19,500	0	19,500
Earmarked Reserves	15,000	0	15,000
<b>Town Council Precept</b>	<b>398,949</b>	<b>49,949</b>	<b>349,000</b>
<b>2017/18 Total</b>	<b>384,056</b>	<b>43,294</b>	<b>340,762</b>

<b>Rye Town Council</b>		
	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
	£	£
General Administration	121,337	134,101
Grants/Donations	9,000	12,000
Property Purchase and Maintenance	16,982	19,519
Public Realm	30,225	30,242
Recreation	1,000	5,626
Tourism	123,995	127,143
Gross Expenditure	<b>302,539</b>	<b>328,631</b>
Income	-173,726	-175,710
<b>Town Council Precept</b>	<b>128,813</b>	<b>152,921</b>

## Council Tax Amounts in each Area 2018/19

2017/18 Local Precept £	Local Tax Area	2018/19 Local Precept £	2018/19 Local Band D Council Tax £	2018/19 Total Band D Council Tax £
677,820	Bexhill (see note)	679,125	41.36	1,865.70
9,049	Ashburnham & Penhurst	12,000	61.22	1,885.56
340,762	Battle	349,000	129.02	1,953.36
21,000	Beckley	23,000	42.67	1,867.01
9,000	Bodiam	9,300	58.46	1,882.80
27,780	Brede	31,116	36.21	1,860.55
7,100	Brightling	7,160	35.27	1,859.61
39,283	Burwash	40,462	31.74	1,856.08
64,114	Camber	66,930	98.03	1,922.37
22,153	Catsfield	22,500	64.02	1,888.36
27,323	Crowhurst	27,919	76.70	1,901.04
8,435	Dallington	8,435	48.42	1,872.76
0	East Guldeford	0	0	1,824.34
38,793	Etchingam	46,000	112.17	1,936.51
63,220	Ewhurst	64,623	119.88	1,944.22
46,750	Fairlight	47,000	52.45	1,876.79
7,860	Guestling	8,096	13.33	1,837.67
37,060	Hurst Green	43,135	73.22	1,897.56
106,005	Icklesham	108,051	88.00	1,912.34
14,000	Iden	14,000	57.89	1,882.23
13,100	Mountfield	13,100	64.77	1,889.11
150,000	Northiam	50,000	49.50	1,873.84
28,000	Peasmarsh	30,800	60.74	1,885.08
21,000	Pett	23,000	48.99	1,873.33
5,000	Playden	5,000	31.27	1,855.61
2,000	Rye Foreign	2,000	11.67	1,836.01
92,330	Salehurst	95,560	92.87	1,917.21
46,344	Sedlescombe	47,734	72.34	1,896.68
138,050	Ticehurst	138,050	83.45	1,907.79
4,100	Udimore	4,200	22.94	1,847.28
34,000	Westfield	36,000	32.50	1,856.84
7,600	Whatlington	7,600	46.79	1,871.13
178,423	Rye (see note)	202,921	104.73	1,929.07
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Local Precept</b>	<b>Rother Expenses</b>		
	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>17/18</b>
Bexhill:	£14,125	£12,830	£665,000	£664,990
Rye:	£152,921	£128,813	£50,000	£49,610

## Spending on Services

	2017/18 Net Budget £000	2018/19			
		Gross Spend £000	Income £000	Net Spend £000	Capital Projects £000
Community and Economy	4,220	8,231	4,223	4,008	8,558
Corporate Services and Human Resources	1,129	1,203	94	1,109	50
Corporate Core and Executive Directors	817	837	28	809	203
Environmental Services	546	897	247	650	
Finance and Welfare	2,718	28,584	25,348	3,236	827
ICT and Customer Services	1,856	1,964	103	1,861	624
Strategy and Planning Development	898	2,032	1,088	944	
<b>Total Cost of Services</b>	<b>12,184</b>	<b>43,748</b>	<b>31,131</b>	<b>12,617</b>	<b>10,262</b>
Other Operating Income and Expenditure	665	2,457	752	1,705	
<b>Total Rother District Council Budget</b>	<b>12,849</b>	<b>46,205</b>	<b>31,883</b>	<b>14,322</b>	<b>10,262</b>
Local Council Budgets	1,573	1,549		1,549	
<b>Gross Budget Requirements</b>	<b>14,422</b>	<b>47,754</b>	<b>31,883</b>	<b>15,871</b>	<b>10,262</b>

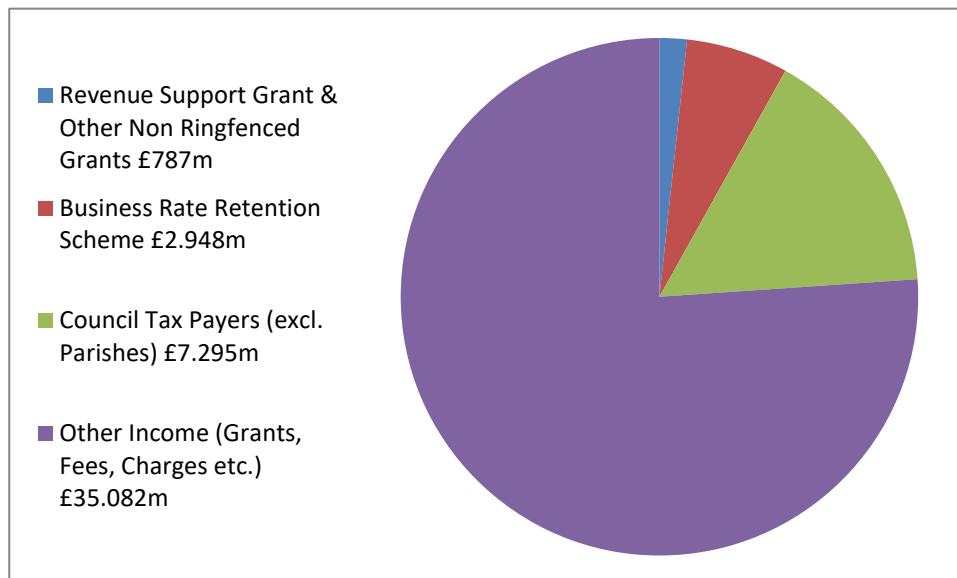
How Spending has Changed	£000	£000
Rother District Council Net Spending 2017/18		12,184
Increase/(-Decrease) in Year on Year Spend		
Employee Related Costs	440	
Contractual Inflation and Other Commitments	842	
Savings Achieved	-389	
Income	-460	
<b>Rother District Council Net Spending 2018/19</b>		<b>12,617</b>

Where the Money Comes From	£000	£ per Resident	%
Revenue Support Grant & Other Income	4,079	44	25
Business Rate Retention Scheme	2,948	32	19
Council Taxpayers (including Parishes)	8,844	95	56
<b>Gross Budget Requirement</b>	<b>15,871</b>	<b>171</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	£123,437	(2017/18-£121,121)
Pevensy & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board	£4,124	(2017/18- £3,994)

The number of Staff to be employed by the Council in 2018/19 is estimated to be 239 full time equivalents. There is an increase of 13 from 2017/18. 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).