



COUNCIL TAX – YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



By now, you should have received your Council Tax bill for the financial year 2026-2027. This includes an increase to the amount paid to Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council.

We understand that changes to your bill may prompt questions. The purpose of this leaflet is to provide answers in the clearest possible way.

1. WHY IS BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL DUE TO RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX THIS YEAR?

The money from your Council Tax contribution is currently divided between several different authorities, including:

- East Sussex County Council
- Rother District Council
- Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner
- East Sussex Fire Authority
- Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council is expected to inherit more community assets as a result of Local Government Reorganisation. We therefore need to increase our budget for the coming year.

2. HOW WILL LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION AFFECT BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL?

Rother District Council have produced a list of assets potentially approved for handover to Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council in the next year. These include:



- Egerton Park, Outdoor Bowls and Pavilion
- Polegrove Recreation Ground
- Pebsham Recreation Ground
- Little Common Recreation Ground
- Collington Wood

For a full list of these assets, please visit this link: [Appendix B Assets for Transfer.pdf](#)

It is important to note that some of these assets may still be allocated to other authorities. However, it is also vital that we begin to plan for those that do come to Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council.

3. HOW WILL BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL USE THEIR SHARE OF COUNCIL TAX THIS YEAR?

Our budget for 2026-2027 has been set. Among our main expenditures are:

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| Devolution of Rother District Council Assets | £520,436 |
| Public Toilets | £170,000 |
| Christmas Lights | £72,000 |
| Creation of Contingency Funds | £50,000 |
| Grants and Community Support | £42,000 |
| Additional Grass Cutting | £41,700 |



WHAT ARE ‘SPECIAL EXPENSES’?

Special Expenses are a section of your Council Tax bill only charged to part of the district council’s whole area. Bexhill’s Special Expenses are:

- Bexhill Parks
- Bexhill Museum

WHO DOES WHAT IN BEXHILL-ON-SEA?

Key issues and who to contact*

*All information correct as of March 2026

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| Bins | Rother District Council |
| Grit Bins | East Sussex County Council |
| Housing | Rother District Council |
| Parking | East Sussex County Council – Permits and on-street Rother District Council – Car Parks (unless private) |
| Parks | Rother District Council |
| Potholes | East Sussex County Council |
| Seafront | Rother District Council In an emergency call 999 and ask for Coastguard |
| Street Lighting | East Sussex County Council |
| Water | South East Water |



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www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk

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