



Seaford Town Council 2024 - 2025 Insight Your Town Council Tax Explained



Let's start at the beginning - what is Seaford Town Council?

Since 1999, Seaford Town Council has been one of the three local councils that helps to look after the town of Seaford and its residents. The other two are Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council. We do not report in to each other, there is no chain of command, instead we work in harmony for a shared common interest; Seaford!

As a Town Council, we are the 'closest' to our town and as well as being custodian to a number of parks and facilities around the town, we are here to represent your needs - to shout Seaford's voice from the rooftops! To help ensure that Seaford fulfils its potential and continues to be great for generations to come!

Seaford Town Council's Mission Statement:
“Working with our community to secure Seaford's best future.”

What do we do, you ask?

In a nutshell we...

- Provide and maintain The Salts, The Crouch, Martello Fields, and other open spaces
- Maintain and run Seaford Head Golf Course as an environmentally-friendly site
- As custodians, look after the seafront (its concessions and beach huts), Seaford Head Nature Reserve, South Hill Barn, the Seaford Head cliff path, and the town centre War Memorial
- Organise events, including Seaford Christmas Magic
- Respond to planning applications within the town
- Listen to the needs of residents and businesses
- Support the Mayor and Young Mayor of Seaford
- Lead the community through climate change action

And many more - all with the help of many dedicated partners!

The Financial Contribution from Seaford Residents

Most town and parish councils in the country are funded in part by its local residents. Each year the Town Council, like most organisations, goes through a lengthy budget setting process for the following financial year (in this case April 2024 to March 2025). We assess our anticipated expenditure, income, use of reserves (financial savings) and are left with a figure remaining. This figure is the amount of Seaford Town Council Tax (also called the 'precept'), which is split and charged to each household in the town to ensure that we are able to keep delivering for the town.

So, what does this mean in figures?

In 2024-2025 the Town Council is budgeting outgoings of £2,024,185, offset against budgeted income and available funds of £928,067. This leaves £1,101,019 to be charged to the town's households as precept (Council Tax).

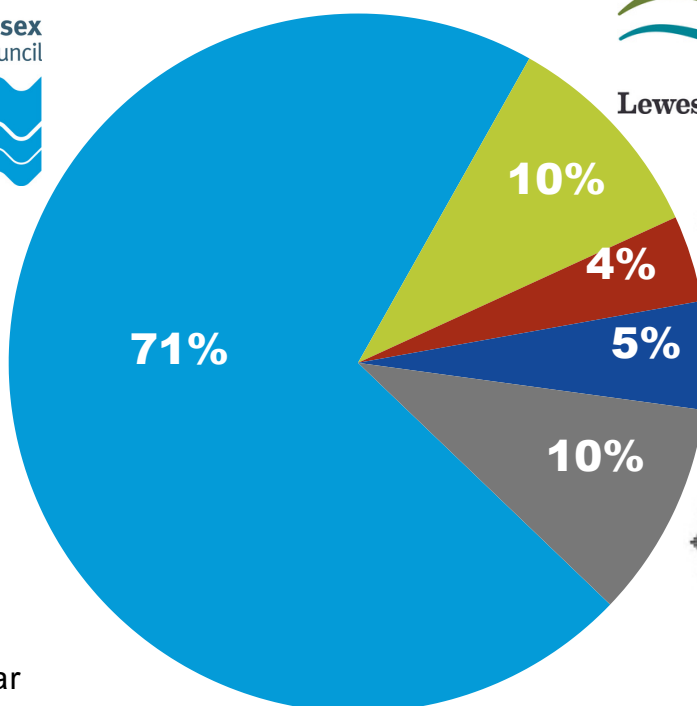
The precept is split across the households within the town, with each property being assigned a 'band'. Your household's Council Tax demand will identify which band your property is; the Council Tax you owe will differ depending on the band (Band A being the lowest and H, the highest).

Last year, the Town Council made no increase. For 2024-2025, the Town Council's Band D Council Tax (as the 'average band') is £113.16 per year. This is an increase of £2.07 per annum, or 4 pence per week (a 1.9% increase).

This slight increase is below the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of 3.9% for November 2023 and balances the Town Council's acknowledgement of the financial difficulties facing individuals in the current economic climate with the need to fund services and facilities to deliver on the priorities identified within the Town Council's strategic plan.

Where your Council Tax goes

Your Council Tax payment helps support us and four other vital local authorities:



Lewes District Council



East Sussex
Fire & Rescue Service



Seaford Town Council



Sussex Police
Serving Sussex

*Based on
2023-2024
financial year

Special Expenses is the amount charged by Lewes District Council for services they deliver but which are considered Town Council services, such as Walmer Road Recreational Ground.