



Seaford Town Council 2025 - 2026 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, Seaford Head Estate and many 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 working with partners to deliver Seaford Christmas Magic
- Respond to planning applications within, and local plan consultations impacting, the town
- Award small and large grants to local organisations
- Listen to the needs of residents and businesses
- Support the Mayor of Seaford
- Lead the community through climate change action
- Carry out urban grass verge cutting

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 2025 to March 2026). 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 2025-2026 the Town Council is budgeting outgoings of £2,214,238 offset against budgeted income and available funds of £965,878. This leaves £1,248,359 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).

Over recent financial years, the Town Council has worked hard to keep precept increases to an absolute minimum, with a 0% increase in 2023-2024 and 1.9% in 2024-2025. For 2025-2026, the Town Council's Band D Council Tax (as the 'average band') is £127.84 per year. This is a moderate increase of £14.68 per annum, or 28 pence per week ((a 12.97% increase compared to last year).

The reason for this increase is due in part to the nationwide rise in Employers' National Insurance contributions imposed by Government. Additionally, the increase will enable the Town Council to strengthen and broaden its officer team to enhance its capacity to better serve the town and deliver quality services.

