

**RYE TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL**

**PR05 Item 59.5  
DRAFT BUDGET 2007-08**

	<b>Budget 2006-07</b>	<b>Actual to 31.12.06</b>	<b>Projected to 31.3.07</b>	<b>Estimate 2007-08</b>	<i>note</i>
<b>INCOME</b>					
Banner display permission	20	0	0	0	1
Ceremonies	4,800	4,750	5,150	6,250	2
Wedd/Civil					
Other	0	0	0	0	
Cottage	7,410	5,429	7,404	7,650	3
Freda Gardham Field	500	711	711	500	4
Grants	0	3,752	3,752	0	5
Heritage Centre	5,000	5,250	5,000	5,000	6
Interest	4000	395	5,000	5,500	
Jubilee mugs	10	3	3	0	
Mayor's Allowance	N/A	1,666	N/A	N/A	7
Miscellaneous	0	231	231	0	8
<b>Precept (2006-07)</b>	<b>73,709</b>	<b>73,709</b>	<b>73,709</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
Reproduction rights	0	106	106	100	9
Sales	20	45	45	50	10
Speakership 2006-07	N/A	711	711	N/A	11
Strand Car Park Feasibility Study	0	5,000	5,000	0	12
Town Hall Hire (General)	650	932	974	1,000	
<b>Income</b>	<b>96,119</b>	<b>102,690</b>	<b>107,796</b>	<b>26,050</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Advertising & Pub	950	447	947	1,000	13
Weddings					
Other cere	250	0	0	0	14
General	2,750	2,235	2,750	2,800	15
Alarm (Burglar)	1,093	172	1,175	200	16
Alarm (Fire)	380	287	382	400	
Audit (external)	800	550	550	575	17
Audit(internal)	750	800	800	200	18
Bank Charges	25	0	25	25	
Civic Fund (s 137)	300	227	275	300	
Computer Software & Training	0	42	42	0	19
Contingency	250	823	823	250	20
Cottage Repairs & Renewals	500	217	500	500	
Domestic Supplies	225	467	500	350	21
Elections	750	60	5,731	4,500	22
Freda Gardham Field	0	248	248	0	23
Grants Fund (ad hoc)	1,000	750	1,000	1,000	24
Grants - Specific	8,250	7,500	8,250	1,500	25
Health & Safety	50	24	50	50	
Heritage Centre R/R	1,000	65	1,315	1,000	26
Honoraria	410	410	410	425	27
Insurance (Combined)	6,850	6,741	6,741	7,200	28
Light & Heat	1,400	1,146	1,600	1,750	
Mayor's Allowance	2,600	3,122	N/A	2,700	29
Members & Staff Expenses	250	20	50	250	30
Members & Staff Training	400	0	0	750	31
Misc	100	100	100	100	
Non-Domestic Rates	4,250	4,027	4,027	4,250	
Office Equipment	300	627	627	500	32
Professional Fees	750	1,190	1,940	1,000	33
Robes & Regalia	300	275	300	400	34
Rye Town Action Pan	0	0	250	1,000	35
Salaries	48,091	37,287	49,000	52,191	36
Skatepark equipment	0	0	0	3,000	37
Skatepark maintenance	300	240	300	400	38
Speakership (2006)	1,000	731	731	0	39

Stationery & Postage	1,800	1,605	1,800	1,875	
Subscriptions	950	804	854	950	40
Southern Water	545	555	555	575	
Telephone	1,250	1,222	1,860	1,900	41
Tilling Green street lights	0	4,748	4,748	0	42
Town Hall Repairs & Renewals	2,500	6,343	6,693	2,500	43
Web site	0	2,124	2,124	360	44
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>93,369</b>	<b>88,231</b>	<b>110,073</b>	<b>98,726</b>	

#### ASSET RENEWALS RESERVES

Fingerposts (black & gold)	100	0	0	50	45
Heritage Centre	1,200	1,200	1,200	500	46
Skatepark	250	250	250	500	47
Town Hall	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,250	48
Town Hall Cottage	0	0	0	0	49
<b>Reserves provision</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>3,300</b>	

<b>Net Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11,810</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>75,976</b>	<b>51</b>
			<b>50</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	
				<b>PRECEPT</b>	

**NOTES** General As @ 30.11.06 RPI stood at 3.9%

- 1 Income received from granting permission to hang banners across High St. RTC's blanket planning permission has lapsed
- 2 *Projected* 26 weddings.  
*Estimate* Fee rises from £200 to £250 1.4.07. Estimate based on 25 ceremonies x £250 = £6,250.
- 3 *Actual/Projected* Cottage unoccupied for approx 1 month  
*Estimate:* Allows for increase (4%) from £625 to £650, effective 1.10.07
- 4 *Actual/Projected* Includes £211 contribution towards building control fee  
*Estimate* Rent is £500pa reviewable every 5 years (next: 2009)
- 5 *Actual/Projected* donations towards skate park project
- 6 *Estimate* Current trading performance suggests Rye Town Services will not be in a position to pay the Council more than the agreed minimum.
- 7 Mayoral allowance income comprises principally the cost of attending the Mayor's luncheon/dinner and is not relevant when setting the Mayor's Allowance (see also note 29)
- 8 *Actual/Projected* Includes £206 owed by RTS. See also note 20
- 9 Current policy is to seek at least £100 from commercial concerns wishing to reproduce images of Council-owned artefacts
- 10 Includes *Ryennium*, Millennium Medals and Lord Warden Installation booklet
- 11 See note 39.
- 12 *Actual/Projected* Received from Rye Partnership to cover expenditure incurred in 2005-06.
- 13 *Projected* Includes *Sussex Brides* magazine estimate of £500  
*Estimate* Comprises *Sussex Brides*, *Yellow Pages*, *Yell*
- 14 Includes baby naming, commitment, vows renewal
- 15 *Actual/Projected/Estimate* General advertising/publicity plus Annual Report and 4 'newsletters'
- 16 *Projected* Includes £1,000 for upgrade to confirmed alarm system
- 17 *Actual/Projected* Lower than budgeted - fee decreased because Heritage Centre turnover no longer appears in Council's accounts
- 18 *Estimate* New internal auditor appointed
- 19 *Estimate* Sufficient in Earmarked Reserves - £1181 (after £42 deducted)
- 20 *Actual/Projected* Owed to a HC supplier by the Council and Rye Town Services. RTS reimbursed the Council 25% (£206) - see note 8
- 21 *Actual/Projected* Includes commercial waste bags (unbudgeted but legal requirement) and soup urn (unbudgeted - used also for warming punch)
- 22 *Projected* April 2006 and August 2006 bye-elections  
*Estimate* RDC estimated cost of May 2007 elections (£3,000) plus 50%

	of a bye-election. Unspent provision to be placed in an earmarked reserve.	
23	<i>Actual/Projected</i> Building regs fee paid on behalf of Rugby Club (reimbursed)	
24	<i>Actual/Projected</i> RockSalts (£500), Maritime Festival (£250). Mini goals (£250)	
25	<i>Projected</i> Rye Partnership (RTI Review)	£1,000
	Chamber of Commerce (Xmas Lights)	£2,000
	Rye in Bloom (hanging baskets/Flower & Veg Show)	£250
	Community Centre (rebuilding emergency exit wall)	£5,000
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	<i>Estimated</i> Chamber of Commerce (Xmas Lights)	£1,000
	Rye in Bloom (baskets/Flower & Veg Show)	£250
	Maritime Festival 2007	£250
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		£1,500
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Notes on Estimated:

- a) Christmas Lights - towards maintenance/renewals
- 26 *Projected* Includes £1,250 to cover: re-painting/staining external windows, doors and handrail; repainting wooden slats at roof of main entrance; treating external stairway; refurbishing 'Rye Heritage Centre' sign.
- 27 **Confidential Note**
- 28 *Projected* Comprises £250 inflationary increase plus £200 towards Skate park Phase II
- 29 Note: Financial year and Mayoral Year not concurrent and expenditure offset by Mayor Making receipts
- 30 *Actual/Projected* Members and staff appear not to have claimed as many expenses as in previous years
- 31 *Actual/Projected* The Clerk has attended fewer training events  
*Estimate* The May 2007 elections may well see new Members elected and re-elected 'new' Councillors may wish to take advantage of training opportunities. I suggest the balance of this year's budget be placed in a new Earmarked Reserve.
- 32 *Actual/Projected* Includes new computer/software of £550. Difference between budget and total expenditure to be funded from Office Equipment earmarked reserve
- 33 *Actual* Comprises preparation of Annual Accounts and Annual Return, VAT and general accountancy advice  
*Projected* Includes provision of £750 for legal advice on drawing up the new Heritage Centre Agreement with Rye Town Services completed May 2006 but not yet invoiced. Suggest this be funded from the HC Contract bid earmarked reserve
- 34 Any unspent provision is placed in an earmarked reserve at the year end (currently £593).  
*Estimate* Increased by £100 because hats and Members' robes are showing signs of significant deterioration
- 35 *Estimate* Although £2,000 is available via the Local Strategic Partnership the sum must be match funded; however, volunteer/staff time counts as 'match'.
- 36 **Confidential Note**  
*Projected* Under-estimate contributory factors: employer's pension contribution under-estimated, organising Speakership events
- 37 *Estimate* There is a Phase II shortfall of approx £2,640. Should an application by users to ESCC for funding towards Phases II and III be unsuccessful, budgeting £3,000 will at least ensure that Phase II is constructed during 2007.
- 38 *Estimate* Assumes Phase II (at least) will be implemented during 2007-08.
- 39 Note: Speakership expenditure has been offset largely by income derived from those paying to attend functions. See note 11.
- 40 *Estimate* Includes (increased) Nat Assoc of Local Councils, Rother Assoc of Local Councils, Cinque Ports Confederation and Nat Assoc of Leisure and Allotment Gardeners
- 41 *Actual/Projected* No budget provision for introduction of broadband
- 42 *Actual/Projected* New footpath lights, Tilling Green - funded by earmarked reserve
- 43 *Actual* Includes Cupola repairs (£1,565) and repainting buttermarket and front windows (£3,750)

*Projected* Includes repairs to Mayor's toilet skylight (£350). Shortfall to be funded from earmarked reserve

- 44** *Actual/Projected* To be funded largely from £2,000 earmarked reserve  
Estimate Includes email forwarding (£10), site hosting July 2007-July 2008 (£150) and having in-house control over the content of 5 additional pages (£200)
- 45** Note: Estimated earmarked reserve as at 31.3.07 = £595
- 46** Note: Estimated earmarked reserve as at 31.3.07 = £5186
- 47** Note: Estimated earmarked reserve as at 31.3.07 = £285
- 48** Note: Estimated earmarked reserve as at 31.3.07 = £16,735
- 49** Note: Estimated earmarked reserve as at 31.3.07 = £10,092
- 50** This figure (£4927) represents expenditure in excess of the revenue budget and is financed largely by earmarked reserves
- 51** Estimated precept: increase of 3.1% (2006-07: 2.4%)  
The Band D (adjusted equivalent) charge would increase from £39.36pa to £39.73p pa\* - an increase of **37p pa (0.9%)**

\* Based on RDC Forecast 2007-08 Tax Base Calculation for Rye of 1,912.41 (Band D equivalent - adjusted)

Note: 2006-07: 1,872.87