

Dear Councillor,

Council meeting 10 January 2013

The report for the Council meeting on 10 January is currently being prepared and will be sent out immediately upon return in the New Year.

There will be several appendices to the Council report and the three most substantial ones are now enclosed to give you the maximum opportunity to read them.

The appendices enclosed are:

- The Survey Results Summary Appendix
- The Survey Detailed Comments Appendix, and
- The Council Tax Reduction Scheme Regulations Appendix.

The Council Tax Reduction Scheme Regulations Appendix reflects the scheme that the Scrutiny Panel recommended to Council when it met on 18 December 2012. The Panel's minutes are reproduced below for information:

Resolved:

That the Scrutiny and Committee Officer be requested to arrange a further meeting of the Scrutiny Panel – Localised Council Tax Support Scheme in early 2013 to consider the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme for future years.

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Recommended:

That Council be requested to adopt the core East Sussex Scheme (Transitional Grant Scheme:Option 2) as the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for Lewes District Council;

That Council be requested to adopt the doubling of the benefit run on period from 4 to 8 weeks in the Local Council Tax Support Scheme as a means to incentivise work;

That Council be requested to adopt the Armed Forces Community Covenant as part of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme;

That Council be requested to support the positive action taken to help Town and Parish Councils with their 2013/14 precept setting process; and

That Cabinet be requested to note the Scrutiny Panel's endorsement that the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, determine the final amounts for the Council Tax Base for 2013/14 in the event that a Tax Base is not agreed at Council on 10 January 2013.

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Yours sincerely,

John Magness,

Director of Finance