



## Meeting of the Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in The Chamber, Pelham House, St Andrew's Lane, Lewes on Wednesday, 27 February 2013 at 2.30pm**

### Present:

Councillor I A Nicholson (Chair)

Councillors R E Allen, R Blackman, C A Bowers, J L Carr, M P Chartier, S B Davy, A Dean, D R Edmunds, I Eiloart, P L Franklin, P Gander; P F Gardiner, S J Gauntlett, D M Gray, J V Harris, J M Harrison-Hicks, P A Howson, A T Jones, C S Lambert, J N MacCleary, R Main, R K Maskell, E C Merry, C R O'Keeffe, S J Osborne, J V S Page, R Robertson, E E J Russell, S Saunders, H J F Sheppard, A X Smith, J Stockdale, C Sugarman, B M Warren and I J White.

### Apologies received:

Councillors S Adeniji, G R Amy, C J Butler, M A Cutress and B W Groves.

Minutes	Action
<b>145 Minutes</b>	
The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
<b>146 To Receive any Announcements From the Chair of the Council, Leader of the Council, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive</b>	
(i) <u>Unsung Heros Event - Saturday, 27 April 2013</u>	
The Chair of the Council reported that he had written to all Members of the Council outlining details of the 'Unsung Heros' event which he was hosting at Newhaven Fort on Saturday, 27 April 2013. He encouraged Councillors	

to nominate people from their wards who they felt were the 'unsung heroes' of their area. Details of nominations needed to be sent to Reema Parmar, Graduate Intern, at Lewes House, Lewes.

(ii) Venue for Future Meetings of the Council Commencing on Thursday, 18 July 2013

Future meetings of the Council, commencing on Thursday, 18 July 2013, would be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes. They would be webcast and, subsequently, would be available to view via the Council's website.

(iii) Forthcoming Meeting of the Trustees of the Mountfield Pleasure Ground Trust, Lewes

A meeting of the Council, in its capacity as the sole trustee of the Mountfield Pleasure Ground Trust, Lewes, would be held in Pelham House, Lewes, on a date to be arranged, but likely to be sometime in March 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to consider matters relating to the proposed forthcoming event at the Convent Field, Lewes, featuring the band Mumford and Sons as part of their 'Gentlemen of the Road Tour'.

(iv) Chair of the Council's Engagements

The Council received the list of the Chair of the Council's engagements carried out since the Meeting of the Council held on 5 December 2012.

(v) Urgent Item

The Chair had agreed, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, that Report No 39/13 of the Director of Finance entitled "Setting the Council Tax", which had been circulated to all members of the Council on 21 February 2013, be considered as a matter of urgency under Agenda Item 11(ii), in order that the Council could take its decisions based on the most recent information which was available.

## 147 Petitions

(a) The Chair of the Council received a petition jointly from Mr Colin Reynolds, Chairman, St Mary's Social Centre, Lewes, and Councillor Chartier. The petition contained 4075 signatures and called for the Council to save St Mary's Social Centre and Supporters Club from being sold for redevelopment.

Mr Reynolds and Councillor Chartier addressed the Council on the subject matter of the petition and the number of signatures.

The petition contained 1,500 or more signatures and, therefore, in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme, as set out in Part 6 of its Constitution, it would be debated by the Council at its next meeting on 8 May 2013 as an individual Agenda Item.

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(b) The Chair of the Council received a petition on behalf of the business community of Lewes which contained in excess of 1,400 signatures. It called for the Council to not raise the level of car parking charges in Lewes which, if implemented, the petition claimed would be to the detriment of local businesses, would keep visitors away and would increase the cost of living for local residents.

Those presenting the petition addressed the Council on the subject matter of the petition and the number of signatures.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12(a), the petition would be referred to a future meeting of Cabinet.

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#### 148 Questions to the Leader of the Council

Councillors asked questions of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Page, on the following subjects, oral responses to which were given at the meeting:

<u>Questioner</u>	<u>Question/Response</u>
Councillor Edmunds	<p><u>Question:</u> The Council had engaged FutureGov to undertake a scoping exercise in respect of Council Tax Benefits. However, Councillor Edmunds had sent the Leader of the Council details of an alternative organisation which was prepared to undertake the necessary work for a lower cost.</p> <p>Therefore, why was the work awarded in respect of the more expensive contract?</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The details that had been sent by Councillor Edmunds focused mainly on work in respect of the Council Tax Support Scheme whereas the work to be undertaken by FutureGov was much wider and looked at more radical approaches to help all members of the community, not just</p>

<u>Questioner</u>	<u>Question/Response</u>
	<p>those who were in receipt of benefits. It also looked beyond what the benefits system provided to the wider resources in the community and how they could be used in order to help people meet their aspirations.</p> <p>Therefore, the proposals of the two organisations were not comparable as they related to different things.</p>
Councillor Stockdale	<p><u>Question:</u> In accordance with The Local Government Act 1972, second tier Council services were undertaken by local authorities such as the Council. However, with local government finances being squeezed, the Council was seeking to offload some of its loss-making assets onto parish councils.</p> <p>Did the Council have a strategy which was fair and responsible that identified a group of such assets?</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The Council did have such a strategy and was currently discussing with some town and parish councils the process relating to devolving some of its assets to them.</p>
Councillor Main	<p><u>Question:</u> With regard to the so-called 'bedroom tax' in which tenants of the Council, housing associations and charities, who were in receipt of benefits, would, from 1 April 2013, receive reduced levels of such benefits if they had more than a defined number of bedrooms in their homes which were deemed to be in excess of their requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) What assessment had the Council made of the likely impact on benefit claimants?;</li><li>(2) How many bedrooms were likely to be freed up by the above measure?; and</li><li>(3) Did the Council have a policy regarding Discretionary Housing Allowance?</li></ol>

QuestionerQuestion/ResponseResponse:

In addition to the current level of available grant funding, the Council had a further sum that could be used to assist the 253 people who would be affected by the new measures.

The Council's existing Allocations Policy was currently being reviewed in order to bring it into line with the welfare reform requirements but the effects of that would be examined and the Council would consider its options.

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Councillor Eiloart

Question:

In a recent article which appeared in the Sussex Express newspaper, the Leader of the Council had indicated that the Trustees of the St Mary's Social Centre and Supporters Club, Lewes, had not identified the length of lease that they had on that premises. However, Councillor Eiloart reported that, similarly, the Leader of the Council had not mentioned the use of 'break clauses' in respect of that lease.

Did that mean that the Council had a commitment to not use such 'break clauses'?

Response:

The use of 'break clauses' had not been a secret. The Council was undertaking a review of 48 sites within its property asset portfolio the existing use value of which amounted to around £9.2 million. The estimated development value of those sites was around £150 million. There was the potential to deliver between 500 and 700 residential units across the District, between 300 and 400 of which were affordable, and over 10,000 square metres of commercial development. There was also the opportunity to deliver enhanced community facilities and open space.

**149 Ward Issues**

A ward issue was raised by a Councillor on the following subject:

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>
Councillor O’Keeffe – Lewes Priory Ward	An offer had been made to the Council for the loan of a large sculpture for exhibition in Southover Grange gardens, Lewes, for a period of between 18 months and two years, subject to the necessary permissions being granted. If implemented, the sculpture, which had been created from stone that had a local connection, would be loaned at no cost to the Council including any associated insurance charges.  <u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council notes the free of charge loan offer of the sculpture.

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## 150 Recommendations from Cabinet

### Budget Recommendations from Cabinet Held on 13 February 2013

- (a) **Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2013/2014 to 2015/2016 (Minute 134);**
- (b) **General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/2014 (Minute 135);**
- (c) **Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2013/2014 (Minute 136); and**
- (d) **The Capital Programme 2012/2013 to 2015/2016 (Minute 137)**

### Reserved Items

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Page moved, and Councillor Jones seconded, the motion that:

Minute 134 of the Cabinet entitled "Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2013/2014 to 2015/2016";

Minute 135 entitled "General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/2014";

Minute 136 entitled "Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2013/2014"; and

Minute 137 entitled "The Capital Programme 2012/2013 to 2015/2016",

be received and adopted.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost Control, Councillor Smith, then delivered the Budget Speech as follows:

“Chairman,

We froze the council tax last year and we will do it again next year.

We plan to do it the year after and the year after that.

We were elected to control the level of council tax and that is what we will do.

We will do this by working together for the benefit of the whole district.

We will deliver our promise in the face of unprecedented financial constraints.

The budget we are proposing supports hard pressed taxpayers in our District.

It keeps more of their money in their pockets.

At the same time this Budget reaffirms our commitment to deliver the Council’s share of the national deficit reduction target

.... and to improve services and opportunity within the district at the same time.

### **Let me remind you of our medium term budget forecasts**

We have a savings target of £2.9m through to March 2015.

I can report that we have already achieved £1.9m and are on track to deliver the remainder.

The Chancellors autumn statement raised the stakes by £1.3m for the following three years to March 2018.

That’s £4.2m by March 2018.

This reality reflects the position of the nations books and the need to rebalance them.

All councils face this scale of challenge.

We will rise to this challenge and deliver our contribution.

Whatever happens we must stick to our course.

But making this decision does not mean stagnation.

On the contrary we have been active to promote opportunity and change.

We have grasped the spirit of new freedoms passed down to Councils.

We are engaging with local communities to help them shape their futures.

**Let me give you some examples of what we have achieved:**

Newhaven is a good example of our innovation that will reap benefits over time.

We have given our backing and financial support for a University Technical College.

We have attracted business and leisure investors.

We have signed an eco tech city deal partnership with neighbouring councils that has been welcomed by the Government.

All demonstrate that more can be achieved with less.

Residents will benefit from our actions in terms of employment opportunity and frozen council tax.

The Council stands to benefit from retained business rates income,,, which will be factored into the medium term budget outlook.

**Now let's look at our three PROMISES:**

They are to:

- 1 Achieve an unswerving Commitment to customer service.
- 2 Connect with our workforce and partners to inspire exceptional contribution
- 3 Save money and, where possible, put money back into our residents and business pockets.

We secured a Government grant of £2.1m to enhance our weekly refuse collections with a food waste collection service. - This will be rolled out over the summer period.

Studies of food waste collection services show that households can save money in their household budgets.

We augmented our housing stock by purchasing the Crest. This will improve our housing service.

We have played a key role in developing the new Council Tax Reduction scheme, with all partners across East Sussex.



We have provided a tailored training programme through our Nexus Academy to enable staff to fulfil their management potential.

We have invested in delivering Agile Working and a long overdue upgrade of the Councils IT infrastructure.

These investments will help connect the workforce and help deliver enhanced customer service.

**This means we are delivering on ALL of the promises we have made.**

**.....and now turning back to the finances.**

The external auditors commented that we have managed the Council's finances well,,,,, and we provide value for money.

When the recurring budget is rebalanced in 2017/2018,,, the uncommitted Working Balance will be more than adequate at £648,000.

We have not committed any of the New Homes Bonus funding to cover the Council's recurring budget.

New Homes Bonus will have a recurring spending power value of approximately £1.3m by 2016.

Unused spending power will be retained in the Change Management and Spending Power reserve.

We will establish a new Strategic Priority Fund, to support existing and developing projects that have the potential to develop permanent ongoing income or expenditure reductions for the Council. The details are in your papers.

Programme Nexus will continue to support prioritisation of resources and build our reputation as a centre of excellence.

**Moving on to next years council tax....**

We have consulted with business representatives about our budget and council tax proposals for next year,, and not unsurprisingly,,they are supportive of a tax freeze.

The financial climate remains tough and a council tax freeze makes a real difference to families and those on fixed or low incomes.

We will therefore help council taxpayers by freezing next year's council tax, deliver the remaining savings target of £350,000 for the coming year.. and will be using £483,841 from the Working Balance.

We can achieve this whilst doing more for local business, more for local communities and more for the environment.

I commend the Council Tax freeze and Cabinet's financial recommendations to you".

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

**150.1** Accordingly.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Page, moved, and Councillor Smith seconded, the motion that the Council, having considered the financial Reports with the Agenda, and the information contained in the draft Council Tax Resolution, approves the Lewes District Council General Fund Council Tax Requirement of £6,628,241 for 2013/2014 and the resultant band D tax of £192.48 as set out in Appendices A and E to Report No 39/13 and now adopts the formal Resolution for the Council Tax for the year ending 31 March 2014, in the terms set out in Appendix G to that Report which was circulated to all members of the Council on 21 February 2013 and is as set out below.

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#### Section A

1. That any expenses incurred by the Council in performing in part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by a parish or community council or the chairman of a parish meeting shall not be treated as special expenses for the purposes of Section 35(2)(d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

#### Section B

1. That:-
  - (a) the revenue estimates for 2013/2014;
  - (b) the revised 2012/2013 Capital Programme;
  - (c) the Capital Programme 2013/2014 to 2015/2016
  - (d) the Prudential Indicators in respect of the capital programme;as reported elsewhere on the Council Agenda, be approved.
2. That it be noted that the following amounts have been calculated for the year 2013/2014 in accordance with regulations made under Sections 31(B)(4) and 34(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:-
  - (a) 34,436.0 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended, as its Council Tax base for the year (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992)

(b) <u>Part of the Council's area</u>	<u>Tax Base</u>
<u>Parishes of:-</u>	
Barcombe	602.3
Chailey	1,253.1
Ditchling	1,082.9
East Chiltington	185.8
Falmer	70.9
Firle	116.1
Beddingham/Glynde	173.2
Hamsey	235.0
Iford	91.8
Kingston	425.3
<u>Towns of:-</u>	
Lewes	5,797.9
Newhaven	3,380.6
Parish of Newick	1,058.8
Town of Peacehaven	4,300.4
<u>Parishes of:-</u>	
Piddinghoe	126.6
Plumpton	647.4
Ringmer	1,799.8
Rodmell	209.2
St. Ann Without	41.2
St. John Without	32.4
Town of Seaford	9,040.8
<u>Parishes of:-</u>	
Southeast	22.2
South Highton	251.0
Streat	78.8
Tarring Neville	8.0
Town of Telscombe	2,370.4
<u>Parishes of:-</u>	
Westmeston	157.2
Wivelsfield	876.9

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as amended, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2013/2014 in accordance with Sections 31A to 37 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:-
- (a) £83,407,930 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act
- (b) £74,225,824 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act
- (c) £9,182,106 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act)
- (d) £266.64 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R) all divided by the amount at 2(a) above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31(B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including local precepts)
- (e) £2,553,865 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- (f) £192.48 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates
- (g) Parts of the Council's area

	£		£
Barcombe	236.31	Piddinghoe	237.87
Chailey	228.65	Plumpton	242.69
Ditchling	254.59	Ringmer	242.19
East Chiltington	216.60	Rodmell	233.90
Falmer	198.83	St. Ann Without	192.48
Firle	252.75	St. John Without	192.48
Glynde/Beddingham	234.58	Seaford	244.86
Hamsey	265.34	Southeast	192.48
Iford	192.48	South Heighton	230.99
Kingston	302.34	Streat	219.32

Lewes	311.96	Tarring Neville	192.48
Newhaven	289.08	Telscombe	285.64
Newick	241.08	Westmeston	222.50
Peacehaven	277.76	Wivelsfield	246.02

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) Parts of the Council's area

Bands £ Ratio	40,000	52,000	68,000	88,000	120,000	160,000	320,000	>320,000
	6/9 A £	7/9 B £	8/9 C £	9/9 D £	11/9 E £	13/9 F £	15/9 G £	18/9 H £
Barcombe	157.54	183.80	210.05	236.31	288.82	341.34	393.85	472.62
Chailey	152.43	177.84	203.24	228.65	279.46	330.27	381.08	457.30
Ditchling	169.73	198.01	226.30	254.59	311.17	367.74	424.32	509.18
East Chiltington	144.40	168.47	192.53	216.60	264.73	312.87	361.00	433.20
Falmer	132.55	154.65	176.74	198.83	243.01	287.20	331.38	397.66
Firle	168.50	196.58	224.67	252.75	308.92	365.08	421.25	505.50
Glynde/Beddingham	156.39	182.45	208.52	234.58	286.71	338.84	390.97	469.16
Hamsey	176.89	206.38	235.86	265.34	324.30	383.27	442.23	530.68
Iford	128.32	149.71	171.09	192.48	235.25	278.03	320.80	384.96
Kingston	201.69	235.31	268.92	302.54	369.77	437.00	504.23	605.08
Lewes	207.97	242.64	277.30	311.96	381.28	450.61	519.93	623.92
Newhaven	192.72	224.84	256.96	289.08	353.32	417.56	481.80	578.16
Newick	160.72	187.51	214.29	241.08	294.65	348.23	401.80	482.16
Peacehaven	185.17	216.04	246.90	277.76	339.48	401.21	462.93	555.52
Piddinghoe	158.58	185.01	211.44	237.87	290.73	343.59	396.45	475.74
Plumpton	161.79	188.76	215.72	242.69	296.62	350.55	404.48	485.38
Ringmer	161.46	188.37	215.28	242.19	296.01	349.83	403.65	484.38
Rodmell	155.93	181.92	207.91	233.90	285.88	337.86	389.83	467.80
St Ann Without	128.32	149.71	171.09	192.48	235.25	278.03	320.80	384.96
St John Without	128.32	149.71	171.09	192.48	235.25	278.03	320.80	384.96
Seaford	163.24	190.45	217.65	244.86	299.27	353.69	408.10	489.72
Southeast	128.32	149.71	171.09	192.48	235.25	278.03	320.80	384.96
South Heighton	153.99	179.66	205.32	230.99	282.32	333.65	384.98	461.98
Streat	146.21	170.58	194.95	219.32	268.06	316.80	365.53	438.64
Tarring Neville	128.32	149.71	171.09	192.48	235.25	278.03	320.80	384.96
Telscombe	190.43	222.16	253.90	285.64	349.12	412.59	476.07	571.28
Westmeston	148.33	173.06	197.78	222.50	271.94	321.39	370.83	445.00
Wivelsfield	164.01	191.35	218.68	246.02	300.69	355.36	410.03	492.04

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. That it be noted that for the year 2013/2014 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
East Sussex County Council	772.20	900.90	1,029.60	1,158.30	1,415.70	1,673.10	1,930.50	2,316.60
Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner	92.28	107.66	123.04	138.42	169.18	199.94	230.70	276.84
East Sussex Fire Authority	54.57	63.67	72.76	81.86	100.05	118.24	136.43	163.72

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2013/2014 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Bands £ Ratio	40,000	52,000	68,000	88,000	120,000	160,000	320,000	>320,000
	6/9 A £	7/9 B £	8/9 C £	9/9 D £	11/9 E £	13/9 F £	15/9 G £	18/9 H £
Barcombe	1,076.59	1,256.03	1,435.45	1,614.89	1,973.75	2,332.62	2,691.48	3,229.78
Chailey	1,071.48	1,250.07	1,428.64	1,607.23	1,964.39	2,321.55	2,678.71	3,214.46
Ditchling	1,088.78	1,270.24	1,451.70	1,633.17	1,996.10	2,359.02	2,721.95	3,266.34
East Chiltington	1,063.45	1,240.70	1,417.93	1,595.18	1,949.66	2,304.15	2,658.63	3,190.36
Falmer	1,051.60	1,226.88	1,402.14	1,577.41	1,927.94	2,278.48	2,629.01	3,154.82
Firle	1,087.55	1,268.81	1,450.07	1,631.33	1,993.85	2,356.36	2,718.88	3,262.66
Glynde/Beddingham	1,075.44	1,254.68	1,433.92	1,613.16	1,971.64	2,330.12	2,688.60	3,226.32
Hamsey	1,095.94	1,278.61	1,461.26	1,643.92	2,009.23	2,374.55	2,739.86	3,287.84
Iford	1,047.37	1,221.94	1,396.49	1,571.06	1,920.18	2,269.31	2,618.43	3,142.12
Kingston	1,120.74	1,307.54	1,494.32	1,681.12	2,054.70	2,428.28	2,801.86	3,362.24
Lewes	1,127.02	1,314.87	1,502.70	1,690.54	2,066.21	2,441.89	2,817.56	3,381.08
Newhaven	1,111.77	1,297.07	1,482.36	1,667.66	2,038.25	2,408.84	2,779.43	3,335.32
Newick	1,079.77	1,259.74	1,439.69	1,619.66	1,979.58	2,339.51	2,699.43	3,239.32
Peacehaven	1,104.22	1,288.27	1,472.30	1,656.34	2,024.41	2,392.49	2,760.56	3,312.68
Piddinghoe	1,077.63	1,257.24	1,436.84	1,616.45	1,975.66	2,334.87	2,694.08	3,232.90
Plumpton	1,080.84	1,260.99	1,441.12	1,621.27	1,981.55	2,341.83	2,702.11	3,242.54
Ringmer	1,080.51	1,260.60	1,440.68	1,620.77	1,980.94	2,341.11	2,701.28	3,241.54
Rodmell	1,074.98	1,254.15	1,433.31	1,612.48	1,970.81	2,329.14	2,687.46	3,224.96

St Ann Without	1,047.37	1,221.94	1,396.49	1,571.06	1,920.18	2,269.31	2,618.43	3,142.12
St John Without	1,047.37	1,221.94	1,396.49	1,571.06	1,920.18	2,269.31	2,618.43	3,142.12
Seaford	1,082.29	1,262.68	1,443.05	1,623.44	1,984.20	2,344.97	2,705.73	3,246.88
Southeast	1,047.37	1,221.94	1,396.49	1,571.06	1,920.18	2,269.31	2,618.43	3,142.12
South Highton	1,073.04	1,251.89	1,430.72	1,609.57	1,967.25	2,324.93	2,682.61	3,219.14
Streat	1,065.26	1,242.81	1,420.35	1,597.90	1,952.99	2,308.08	2,663.16	3,195.80
Tarring Neville	1,047.37	1,221.94	1,396.49	1,571.06	1,920.18	2,269.31	2,618.43	3,142.12
Telscombe	1,109.48	1,294.39	1,479.30	1,664.22	2,034.05	2,403.87	2,773.70	3,328.44
Westmeston	1,067.38	1,245.29	1,423.18	1,601.08	1,956.87	2,312.67	2,668.46	3,202.16
Wivelsfield	1,083.06	1,263.58	1,444.08	1,624.60	1,985.62	2,346.64	2,707.66	3,249.20

### Section C

1. That the Council's relevant basic amount of council tax for 2013/2014 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

**150.2** Accordingly.

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### **151 Recommendations from the Licensing Committee**

The Chair of the Licensing Committee, Councillor Howson, moved, and Councillor Robertson seconded, the motion that the recommendations contained in Minute 11 of the Licensing Committee at its meeting held on 15 January 2013 entitled "Updating of Lewes District Council's Gambling Statement of Principles", be received and adopted.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

**151.1** Accordingly.

DPES

### **152 Notices of Motion**

The Chair of the Council reported that a Notice of Motion had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13 by Councillor O'Keeffe relating to the Local Government Association's Climate Local Commitment.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor O'Keeffe moved, and Councillor Page seconded, the Notice of Motion as follows:

"This Council requests that officers prepare a report to Cabinet to seek agreement to Lewes District Council becoming a formal signatory to the Local Government Association's Climate Local Commitment."

Lewes District Council (LDC) has a history of addressing climate change issues on a number of fronts including signing up to the Nottingham Declaration on climate change in 2005 and following this up with a Climate Change Action Plan in 2007 and a programme to reduce energy consumption and install renewable energy generation on our buildings as part of the 10:10 scheme in 2010.

Becoming a signatory to the LGA Climate Local Initiative will demonstrate LDC's continued commitment to reducing resource use and adapting to the changing climate and give opportunities to illustrate and record the Council's role and actions as a Community Leader, Service Provider and Estate Manager in so doing. It also gives us a chance to update and refresh our action plan. This can make us more resilient to severe weather, help vulnerable people, and save money.

For information here is the Climate Local Declaration:

## Climate Local [insert council(s) name]:

### Our commitment to taking action in a changing climate

We recognise that our council has an important role to help our residents and businesses to capture the opportunities and benefits of action on climate change. These include saving money on energy bills, generating income from renewable energy, attracting new jobs and investment in 'green' industries, supporting new sources of energy, managing local flood-risk and water scarcity and protecting our natural environment.

### We will progressively address the risks and pursue the opportunities presented by a changing climate, inline with local priorities, through our role as:

- Community leader – helping local people and businesses to be smarter about their energy use and to prepare for climate impacts;
- Service provider – delivering services that are resource efficient, less carbon intensive, resilient and that protect those who are most vulnerable to climate impacts;
- Estate manager – ensuring that our own buildings and operations



are resource efficient, use clean energy, and are well prepared for the impacts of a changing climate.

In signing this commitment, **we will:**

- **Set locally-owned and determined commitments** and actions to reduce carbon emissions and to manage climate impacts. These will be specific, measurable and challenging;
- **Publish our commitments, actions and progress**, enabling local communities to hold us to account;
- **Share the learning from our experiences and achievements** with other councils; and
- **Regularly refresh our commitments and actions** to ensure they are current and continue to reflect local priorities.

[Date]
[Name of council or group of councils]
[Signature of Leader or Mayor of Council]"

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and the vote thereon was recorded in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 as follows:

For the Motion:

Councillors R E Allen, R Blackman, C A Bowers, J L Carr, M P Chartier, S B Davy, A Dean, I Eiloart, P L Franklin, P Gander; P F Gardiner, S J Gauntlett, D M Gray, J V Harris, J M Harrison-Hicks, P A Howson, A T Jones, C S Lambert, J N MacCleary, R Main, R K Maskell, E C Merry, I A Nicholson, C R O’Keeffe, S J Osborne, J V S Page, R Robertson, E E J Russell, S Saunders, H J F Sheppard, A X Smith, J Stockdale, C Sugarman, B M Warren and I J White (35).

Against the Motion:

D R Edmunds (1).

Resolved:

**152.1** Accordingly.

DPES

**153 Change to Composition of the Conservative Group and Committee Memberships**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Page, moved, and Councillor Jones seconded, the motion that the recommendations contained in Report No 40/13 entitled "Change to Composition of the Conservative Group and Committee Memberships", be received and adopted.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

**153.1** Accordingly.

CHLDS

**154 Reporting Back on Meetings of Outside Bodies**

A Councillor provided feedback on a meeting which he had attended as the Council's representative on an outside body as follows:

Councillor

Outside Body

Councillor  
Nicholson

East Sussex Health and Well-Being Board

Councillor Nicholson had attended a meeting of the a meeting of the Board on 26 February 2013 at which its Strategy for 2012/13 to 2015/16 had been approved.

It currently served as a Shadow Board but was scheduled to take over its full responsibilities in April 2013 following which its profile would be raised considerably from its current position and the Council would have an increased role in, among other issues, setting public health priorities throughout East Sussex. Consequently, Councillor Nicholson recommended that the issue of Health and Well-Being be included in one of the Cabinet Member's portfolios.

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Resolved:

**154.1** That the oral Report of Councillor Nicholson relating to a meeting of the East Sussex Health and Well-Being Board which he had attended as the Council's representative thereon, be received and noted.

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CHLDS/  
CE

The meeting ended at 3.26pm

I A Nicholson  
Chair