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A7	Setting the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for 2015/16	RESOLVED:	<ul> <li>That Council agreed:-</li> <li>a. that personal allowances and premiums are uprated in line with those for Housing Benefit;</li> <li>b. that non-dependent deductions are uprated in line with the annual percentage increase in Council Tax;</li> <li>c. that the non-dependent income bands are increased by the same percentage as those in the Prescribed Scheme;</li> <li>d. that the hardship scheme budget be set at £30,000 for the 2015/16 financial year;</li> <li>e. that the remaining measures introduced from 1 April 2013 remain unchanged;</li> <li>f. that the 2015/16 Council Tax Reduction Scheme attached at Appendix A is adopted</li> <li>g. to note the scheme had been amended to reflect changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) Prescribed Requirements legislation.</li> <li>To agree the proposed amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the 2015/16 financial year.</li> </ul>
A8	Council Tax - Discretionary Reduction in Liability Policy	RESOLVED:	That Full Council agreed:- a. that the proposed Council Tax Discretionary Reduction in Liability Policy be adopted; b. that decisions on groups of applicants be delegated to District

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		Reason:	<ul> <li>Executive;</li> <li>c. that decisions on individual applications be delegated to the Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Spatial Planning.</li> <li>To agree the proposed Council Tax Discretionary Reduction in Liability Policy.</li> </ul>
A9	Final Recommendation of the Community Governance Review of Lopen Parish Council	RESOLVED:	<ol> <li>That Council:-</li> <li>noted the results of the consultation agree to publish them;</li> <li>agreed that the final recommendation be: "To accept the majority vote from the people of Lopen to agree to increase the number of Parish Councillors to seven";</li> <li>agreed to draw up a Reorganisation Order to give effect to this recommendation;</li> <li>agreed to contact the statutory agencies to effect the requested alteration to increase the number of Parish Councillors to seven.</li> </ol>
		Reason:	To agree the outcome of the final public consultation (Community Governance Review) which has taken place in the parish of Lopen on the proposal to increase the number of Parish Councillors from five to seven (under the provisions of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007).

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