

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
**26 FEBRUARY 2014**

*Present :-* Councillor Ray Gamble (Chairman)  
Councillors Christopher Arnold, Cyril Liddy,  
Peter Sheane and Laura Sykes

*Substitute Member :-* Councillor Nigel Chapman for Councillor Sue Lissimore

**37. Precept and Council Tax Levels 2014/15**

**Councillor Arnold (in respect of his membership of Great Horkesley Parish Council) declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(5).**

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Chief Executive inviting the Committee to approve the statutory resolutions the Council was required to approve in order to set Council Tax for each band for the financial year 2014-15.

Ann Hedges, Chief Operating Officer, Sean Plummer, Finance Manager and Andrew Weavers, Monitoring Officer, attended to assist the Committee.

Sean Plummer explained that as two of the precepting authorities had not set their element of Council Tax at the time at which the report for Council on the precept and Council Tax levels had been published. Therefore, Council had not been in a position to approve the necessary statutory resolutions relating to the formal acceptance of council tax precepts from the major precepting authorities and the setting of the overall Council Tax for the 2014/15 year. Council had therefore delegated to the Governance Committee the authority to exercise these functions, powers and duties on behalf of Council. The precepts from all other relevant authorities had now been received and were set out in the Assistant Chief Executive's report together with overall Council Tax levels for each band for 2014/15.

*RESOLVED* that the statutory resolutions set out in Appendix 1, which were in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) in respect of the Council Tax for each band for the financial year 2014/15 be approved.