

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Meeting**                    **CABINET**

**Date and Time**        **WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY 2012, AT 10.00 A.M.\***

**Place**                    **COUNCIL CHAMBER, APPLETREE COURT, LYNDHURST**

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**\*Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme:**

- (a) immediately before the meeting starts, on items within the Cabinet's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or**
  - (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item.**
- Speeches may not exceed three minutes. Anyone wishing to speak should contact the name and number shown above.**

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## **AGENDA**

### **Apologies**

#### **1. Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2012 as a correct record.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

## **3. Public Participation**

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

## **4. Senior Management Review – Phase 2 (Report A)**

To consider further change to the senior management structure of the Council.

## **5. Governance of National Park Authorities (Report B)**

To agree a response to the Government's consultation on proposed changes to the governance of National Parks.

## **6. The Use of Developer Contributions (Report C)**

To consider for approval guidance on the use of Developers' contributions collected under S106 Agreements.

## **7. Housing Revenue Account 2012/13 Budget Monitoring Update (Report D)**

To update the Cabinet on the Housing Revenue Account budget changes resulting from the actual borrowing undertaken as required by the Localism Act.

## **8. Police and Crime Panel for Hampshire Police Area (Report E)**

To consider arrangements for the Panel for the Hampshire Police area and to make recommendations to the Council

## **9. Delegation of Power to Officers**

The Council operates an extensive scheme of delegation of powers to officers, which allow decisions to be taken quickly and efficiently within defined policies.

The current Legal Officer for Housing Services (a post which sits in the Housing Service) is due to leave the Council at the end of April 2012. She has previously been responsible for instituting straightforward possession claims for rent arrears in the County Court on the Council's behalf. It is therefore necessary to authorise a small number of other housing officers to carry out these duties.

Furthermore, it is considered that it is also appropriate to delegate the power to institute and conduct simple, and undefended, debt recovery claims in the County Court to senior officers within Customer and Financial Support Services.

Any claims, should they become contested, are automatically passed to Legal Services to deal with.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the following powers be delegated to the officers shown:

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>POWER DELEGATED</b>	<b>DELEGATION TO</b>
Local Government Act 1972 s.101 and s.222 Local Government Act 2000 s.14	To institute and conduct legal proceedings in the County Court on behalf of the Council in respect of possession claims arising out of rent arrears.	Housing Income Recovery Manager or Senior Income Recovery Officer or Income Recovery Officers, in consultation with the Housing Income Recovery Manager or the Senior Income Recovery manager
Local Government Act 1972 s.101 and s.222 Local Government Act 2000 s.14	To institute and conduct legal proceedings in the County Court on behalf of the Council in respect of debt recovery claims.	Taxation and Benefits Manager or Income Section Manager or Senior Revenues Assistant

To: **Councillors:**

Mrs D M Brooks  
Mrs J L Cleary  
E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

B Rickman (Chairman)  
F P Vickers  
C A Wise

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