

**5 DECEMBER 2012**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 5 December 2012.

p Cllr B Rickman (Chairman)  
p Cllr E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

p Mrs D M Brooks  
p Mrs J L Cleary

**Councillors:**

p F P Vickers  
p C A Wise

**In Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

Mrs D E Andrews  
S Clarke  
Ms L C Ford  
A T Glass  
C J Harrison  
Mrs P Jackman

**Councillors:**

Mrs M E Lewis  
J Penwarden  
A J Swain  
M S Wade  
P R Woods

**Also In Attendance:**

Mrs A Murphy, Tenant Representative

**Officers Attending:**

D Yates, J Mascall, Miss J Debnam, Miss G O'Rourke, C Read, Mrs R Rutins, Miss D Staples and S Stone

**39. MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Brooks disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 43.

**41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

**42. NATIONAL FOOD HYGIENE RATING SCHEME (REPORT A).**

The Cabinet considered proposals to join the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme for premises supplying food throughout the New Forest District. Under the scheme, which had been developed by the Food Standards Agency, each premises was awarded a score between 0 (urgent improvement necessary) and 5 (very good). All scores were recorded on the Food Standards Agency's website, and the food premises received a certificate and window sticker that they could display if they wished. The scheme allowed customers to select food premises that offered good standards of hygiene in preparing the food that they sold, and would encourage food businesses to improve their hygiene standards. Proprietors could request that their business was re-evaluated to take account of improvements made after an initial inspection. The scheme would be based on the inspection regime already carried out by the Council's food safety team, which limited the additional resources that would be needed for implementation. Any additional start-up costs would be supported by a grant from the Food Standards Agency.

**RESOLVED:**

That delegated authority be given to the Head of Public Health and Community Safety, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment, to:

- (i) Accept Food Standards Agency grant funding to carry out, start-up and launch activities to support the introduction of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme; and
- (ii) Sign an Agreement for New Forest District Council to become a partner with the Food Standards Agency and other local authorities in the national Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

Action: Stephen Stone and Annie Righton

**43. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES (REPORT B).**

Cllr Brooks disclosed a non-pecuniary interest on the grounds that she was employed by a Member of Parliament. She concluded that there were no issues under common law to prevent her from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

The Cabinet recalled that on 2 November 2012 (Minute 37 refers) they had commented on initial proposals from the Boundary Commission on the review of parliamentary constituency boundaries. Revised proposals had now been brought forwards, and were set out in Appendix 2 to Report B, together with plans of the constituency boundary for New Forest West at Appendix 3, and New Forest East at Appendix 4. The revised proposals offered a better degree of electoral equality between the two constituencies. The only area from outside the District to be included, in New Forest East, was the Blackwater ward of Test Valley Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Boundary Commission's revised proposals for the New Forest East and New Forest West Parliamentary constituencies be supported.

Action: Rosemary Rutins

**44. KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF GLASS FOR RECYCLING (REPORT C).**

The Cabinet was pleased to note that the Council had been successful in a bid for £1,880,120 of funding, over 3 years, from the Government's Weekly Collections Support Scheme to allow the introduction of a scheme for the kerbside collection of glass for recycling. It was proposed to progressively include all properties in the District in three tranches commencing in April 2013, with the final 5,000 hard-to-reach and multi-occupancy dwellings being added in early 2014.

Members were advised that the grant would cover the initial start-up costs, including the purchase of vehicles and storage boxes for households, and also the running costs for the first 3 years. It was anticipated that the running costs after April 2015 would be in the order of £250,000 which would partly offset by additional income from recycling.

**RESOLVED:**

That the implementation of a district-wide scheme for the kerbside collection of glass for recycling be supported and grant funding of £1,880,120 from the Government's Weekly Collection Support Scheme be accepted.

Action: Colin Read

CHAIRMAN