

23 JUNE 2003

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 23 June 2003

p J A G Hutchins - Chairman
p Lt Col M J Shand - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

e G Abbott
K F Ault
p K E Austin
p C Baker
e G C Beck
p Mrs J L Cleary
p J E Coles
e D E Cracknell
p G F Dart
p W H Dow
p Miss P A Drake
p M H G Fidler
p Mrs L C Ford
p P C Greenfield
p R C H Hale
p C J Harrison
p D Harrison
e F R Harrison
p J D Heron
p D A Hibbert
p P E Hickman
p Mrs M D Holding
p J M Hoy
p Mrs M Humber
e M J Kendal
p Mrs B M Maynard
p Mrs M McLean
e M J Molyneux
p R J Neath

Councillors:

p G J Parkes
p B M F Pemberton
p J Penwarden
p L R Puttock
p A W Rice TD
p B Rickman
p Mrs M J Robinson
p B Rule
p D J Russell
p T M Russell
e D N Scott
e N E Scott
p S A Shepherd
e Mrs B Smith
p Mrs L P Snashall
p Mrs S I Snowden
p M H Thierry
p A R Tinsley
p D B Tipp
p Mrs B Vincent
p M S Wade
e S S Wade
p G M Walmsley
p J G Ward
p A Weeks
e Dr M N Whitehead
p C A Wise
p P R Woods
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

D Yates, N J Gibbs, C Malyon, Ms J Bateman, Miss G O'Rourke and K Smith.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No members made any declarations of interest in connection with any agenda items.

12. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2003, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to an amended Appendix 2 as circulated at the meeting.

13. PERFORMANCE PLAN (REPORT B).

The Council considered their Performance Plan for 2003/2004.

It was moved and seconded that the Performance Plan as detailed in Report B be approved.

In considering the report the Deputy Leader said that all of the Portfolio Holders had been consulted on the content of the Plan and individual Review Panels had commented on the detail.

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group said that in view of the timescales, not all Panels had had an opportunity to comment on the detail of the Plan. In terms of the Housing Portfolio she felt that the information would have been much clearer had the information been divided between Strategic Services and Landlord Services. This would have assisted the Council in prioritising for the future. She also commented that the requirement to minimise the use of bed and breakfast should have been contained within the future plans section of the document.

The Housing Portfolio Holder confirmed that the requirement to minimise the use of bed and breakfast would soon be a statutory duty and in any event was a high priority for the Council. He agreed that this needed to be included in the future plan section of the Housing Portfolio. He also agreed that for future years he would look at setting out the information more clearly.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to minor drafting amendments, the Council's Performance Plan 2003/2004 be approved.

14. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS FOR GENERAL PROCEDURES.

RESOLVED:

That with the support of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, Standing Order 13.1 be amended by the insertion of the words shown in bold italics below:-

“The Common Seal of the Council shall be fixed to a document ***when the affixing of the Seal is required by legislation*** following a decision by the Council, Cabinet (including a decision made on its behalf under delegated powers), a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee, or a decision by an officer under delegated powers, which authorises the action set out in the document.”

CHAIRMAN

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