

SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 26 April 2004 at 6.30 p.m.

Telephone enquiries to: Lyndhurst (023) 8028 5000
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A buffet will only be available for those members of the Council who are attending the meeting direct from their place of work and who have requested refreshments. For those members the refreshments will be available in Appletree Pantry at 5.30 p.m.



Dave Yates
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes (Report A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2004 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. Chairman's Announcements

4. Petition Relating to Claymeadow Depot, Hounslow

Under Standing Order No. 23, to receive a petition relating to Claymeadow Depot, Hounslow to highlight the public opposition to the proposals to increase the use of the depot by housing refuse vehicles from Test Valley.

5. Report of Cabinet

Cabinet

3 March and 7 April 2004

6. Questions

Under Standing Order 22.

7. Portfolio Holders' Question Time

To ask questions of Portfolio Holders. Questions received will be tabled at the meeting. (Members are reminded that questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive or to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by not later than noon on Friday, 23 April 2004.)

8. Notice(s) of Motion

- (a) In accordance with Standing order No. 21, Cllr Pemberton will move the following motion:-

"That this Council makes representations to:

- (i) OFWAT to give high priority as part of its funding review to alleviating the problems caused by sewer flooding, and ensure that Southern Water Services and Wessex Water have an adequate level of resources to address this issue; and
- (ii) Southern Water Services and Wessex Water to give high priority to alleviating the sewer flooding problems in the New Forest area".

- (b) In accordance with Standing Order No. 21, Cllr Mrs Robinson will move the following motion:-

"In view of the strong concerns expressed by residents about the risk to human health of the Tetra communications systems, along with the controversy surrounding the scientific evidence on the safety of this system, this Council resolves to refuse requests for permission for the erection of Tetra masts and associated equipment on any land or buildings owned or controlled by the New Forest District Council."

9. Members' Allowances Scheme

The Council is required each year formally to make a scheme of members' allowances. The current scheme provides for the allowances set out in the scheme to be adjusted each year, from a date to be determined by the Council, by the annual increase in the New Forest hourly earnings rate.

The annual increase in the hourly earnings rate for 2003 was 9.2% (Office for National Statistics – New Earnings Survey 2003). The Independent Remuneration Panel has agreed with a suggestion by the Portfolio Holder that for 2004/05, the increase in allowances be half the increase in New Forest hourly earnings, i.e. 4.6%. The matter will be reappraised for 2005/06.

RECOMMENDED:

(a) That the allowances set out in the Scheme of Members' Allowances be increased by 4.6% with effect from the day following the annual meeting of the Council, 18 May 2004;

(b) That no other changes be made to the Scheme for 2004/05.

10. Nominations for Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

To consider nominations submitted for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the following municipal year and to make recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2004.

The following nominations have been received:-

Cllr Lt Col M J Shand - Chairman
Cllr B M F Pemberton – Vice-Chairman

11. Additional Council Meeting

In order to meet the deadline for the publication of the Council's Performance Plan an extraordinary meeting of the Council will need to take place in June.

RECOMMENDED:

That an extraordinary meeting of the Council be agreed for Monday 14 June 2004

12. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

(DEMOCRAT/CL260404/AGENDA)