

14 JUNE 2004

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 14 June 2004.

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

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

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

Officers Attending:

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

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllrs Mrs Smith and M S Wade declared interests in Minute 11.

10. MINUTES (PAPER A).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2004, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11. REPORT OF CABINET.

Cllrs Mrs Smith and MS Wade both declared personal interests in this matter in that their spouses were employees of the Council. There was no specific discussion on this aspect of the report and therefore neither member considered their interest to be prejudicial. They remained at the meeting, took part in the discussion and voted.

The Chairman presented the report of the Cabinet held on 2 June 2004. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted:

(a) Performance Matters : Performance Plan 2004/2005

Members noted that as an 'excellent' authority following CPA, the Council was now only required to publish their best value performance indicators as an annex to the Corporate Plan. Whilst the Performance Plan as circulated still had some omissions in the text, they were mainly presentational, and all the key elements were before members.

The Council's Performance Plans had been commended by the Audit Commission in previous years. The 2004/2005 Plan was linked more closely to the Council's aims and objectives and showed a more performance driven organisation. The document would give Review Panels a resource to use for the year and would help the Council to develop plans to feed into the budget process.

Members noted that the best value indicators were statutory indicators from the Government and there was no discretion in that respect. However Councils were free to develop their own additional indicators and members agreed that review panels could look at developing such indicators, particularly in relation to Tourism, in the light of the Council's recent beacon status success.

The Plan currently contained some detail that was still provisional and members were informed that a final summary document would be issued once all the information was complete.

In considering the document, the Housing Portfolio Holder moved an amendment to the Housing Key Targets for 2004/05, detailed on page 25 of the document circulated separately to members, relating to the percentage of council owned properties meeting the Decent Homes Standard. It was moved, seconded and upon a vote agreed that the Key Target should be amended to read:

- Achieve 70% of council owned properties meeting the Decent Homes Standard.

There was a requirement to publish the Performance Plan by 30 June 2004 and therefore officers together with Portfolio Holders would agree any final outstanding matters, in consultation with Shadow Portfolio Holders, in order to meet that publication deadline.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Cabinet dated 2 June be received and the recommendations, as amended, be adopted.

12. PERFORMANCE MATTERS : PERFORMANCE PLAN 2004/2005 (REPORT B).

The Council considered their Performance Plan for 2004/2005 : Performance Matters.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Performance Plan 2004/2005, incorporating the Key Targets, as amended, be agreed;
- (b) That the proposed changes to the publication, printing and distribution of Performance Matters outlined in paragraphs 2.1 and 8.4 of report F to the Cabinet be supported; and
- (c) That the continued development of the key issues highlighted in paragraph 6 of report F to the Cabinet, in order to realise the full potential to report the delivery of the corporate plan, be supported.

13. CHANGES TO COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr D N Scott be appointed to the Planning Development Committee in place of Cllr Neath; and
- (b) That Cllr D N Scott be appointed to the Appeals Committee in place of Cllr Dow.

CHAIRMAN