

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, 25 April 2005 at 6.30 p.m.

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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.



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes (Report A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2005 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. Reports of Cabinet and Committees

Cabinet	2 March and 6 April 2005
NFDC/TVBC Commercial Services Joint Committee	3 March 2005
Standards Committee	25 February 2005
General Purposes & Licensing Committee	25 April 2005 (to follow)

5. Questions

Under Standing Order 22.

6. 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 22 April 2005.)

7. 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 16 May 2005.

The following nominations have been received:-

Chairman – Cllr B M F Pemberton
Vice-Chairman – To be advised

8. Report of the Review Panels for 2004/05 (Report B – circulated separately)

To receive the report.

9. Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 – High Hedges

Included within the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 are provisions to address the nuisance caused by high hedges. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has now issued a Commencement Order, bringing these provisions into operation with effect from 1 June 2005. The Economy and Planning Review Panel supported the view that the most appropriate route to deal with complaints and action under this legislation was through officers based within the Development Control Division, not least as the external appeal process rests with the Planning Inspectorate.

The Planning Development Control Committee has also supported this view and is recommending that the functions relating to High Hedges contained in Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 should be delegated to them. The new functions would complement the existing powers of that Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Council be recommended to delegate to the Planning Development Control Committee all functions relating to high hedges contained in Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

10. 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 13 June 2005

11. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

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