

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 27 February 2006 at 6.30 p.m.

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A buffet will be available for those members of the Council only 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 (Paper A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 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 Committee

Cabinet 4 January and 1 February 2006

NFDC/TVBC Commercial Services Joint Committee 8 December 2005

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 Friday, 24 February 2006.)

7. Notice of Motion

Cllr Kendal will move the following motion, notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 21:

“That New Forest District Council

- (i) expresses its concern at
 - the decline of local services and facilities which affects local communities and in particular the elderly and people on the lowest incomes;
 - the resulting decline of local jobs and local economies and the resulting extra traffic and pollution caused by the need to travel further
- (ii) and notes that this combination of factors increases people's feelings of exclusion and lack of involvement; and so
- (iii) supports measures to reverse this process and
- (iv) supports the concept of local sustainability as envisaged in the Sustainable Communities Bill, namely;
 - the promotion of local economies
 - the promotion of local services and facilities
 - the protection of the environment
 - the reduction of social exclusion and
 - measures to increase involvement in the democratic process

- (iv) and accordingly resolves to support the Sustainable Communities Bill which
- requires the government to assist councils and communities in promoting local
 - sustainability in ways decided by them; and
 - sets up a participative process whereby councils and communities can drive the way in which government uses its power and influence to assist with the promotion of local sustainability; and
 - recognises therefore that the Bill provides for a 'bottom-up' rather than a 'top down' one-size-fits-all process
 - notes that this Bill is therefore fully in accord with current thinking in local government in that it impacts on central authorities and does not impose any new duties on councils but instead enables them to influence how government uses its resources and influence to help councils and communities; and
 - specifically provides that where councils themselves decide to take action to promote local sustainability that they should be given the resources to do so; and so
- (v) and further resolves
- to inform the local media of this decision;
 - to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and sign EDM (Early Day Motion) No. 641; and
 - to write to the Local Works Campaign (at 94 White Lion St, London N1 9PF) expressing its support.”

Under the provisions of Standing Order 41, the above motion, if proposed and seconded, should stand referred to the Cabinet. However, the Chairman may allow the motion to be dealt with at this meeting if he considers it urgent, convenient or conducive to the despatch of business; and (as this is a Cabinet function), the Cabinet is in agreement.

8. The 2006/2007 Council Tax (Report B)

To agree the Council Tax for 2006/2007.

9. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

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