

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, 31 July 2006 at 6.30 p.m.**

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** Members are reminded that the meeting will be preceded, at 5.45 p.m., by the taking of the official Council photograph.

Sandwiches will be available only 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 (Paper A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2006 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. By-Election for District Council Totton West Ward - 20 July 2006 - Report of the Returning Officer (Report B)

To receive the report of the Returning Officer on the by-election for the Totton West Ward of New Forest District Council on 20 July 2006.

4. Chairman's Announcements

5. Reports of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

Cabinet	7 June and 3 July 2006
General Purposes & Licensing Committee	16 June 2006
NFDC/TVBC Commercial Services Joint Committee	8 June 2006

6. Questions

Under Standing Order 22.

7. Notice of Motion

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr Weeks will move the following motion:-

This Council notes that the Review of Local Government Finance by Sir Michael Lyons is currently collecting evidence, and therefore resolves to submit its views to him immediately after tonight's meeting [the closing date is July 31st], as follows:

- (1) That the proportion of local authority expenditure covered by locally-determined taxation needs to be substantially increased to strengthen the capacity of the local democratic system to deliver public services in accordance with the expressed wishes of the local communities it serves;
- (2) That the National Non Domestic Rate (the Business Rate) should be re-localised, with an appropriate equalisation mechanism, as a step towards freeing local government from the present excessive central government control, and to provide an incentive for local economic growth and investment; and
- (3) That the unfair Council Tax should be abolished, and replaced by a tax based on the ability to pay, and that the Council commends to the Review the introduction of a Local Income Tax as by far the best way to achieve that aim.

8. 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 28 July 2006.)

9. Appointments to Committees and Panels

- (a) At the request of the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group to agree that Cllr C Baker be appointed to the Corporate Overview Panel in place of Cllr Mrs Humber;
- (b) To fill a vacancy on the Crime and Disorder Review Panel caused by former Cllr D Hibbert's resignation. This vacancy falls to be filled by the Conservative Group; and
- (c) To agree any other changes that might be requested by the political groups.

10. Meeting Dates for the 2007/08 Municipal Year

The Council is asked to agree the dates of its meetings for the 2007/08 Municipal year.

Once this has been done, the Cabinet, Regulatory Committees and Panels will be asked to consider their meeting dates for the year.

It is recommended that Council meetings be held on the following Mondays, at 6.30 p.m.

21 May 2007 (already agreed)
25 June 2007 (special meeting to agree the Performance Plan)
30 July 2007
17 September 2007
29 October 2007
17 December 2007
25 February 2008
21 April 2008
19 May 2008 (annual meeting)

11. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

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