

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, 18 December 2006 at 6.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes (Paper A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 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. Chairman's Announcements

4. Reports of Cabinet

Cabinet – 1 November 2006 and 6 December 2006

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 15 December 2006.)

7. Notices of Motion

The following Councillors will move the motions set out below, notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 21: -

(a) Cllr Mrs Robinson:

“The Council notes with regret the decision of Southampton University Hospitals Trust, supported by Hampshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to close the existing Birth Centres in the New Forest and Romsey and to open a new centre in Ashurst.

The Council regards this decision as all the more regrettable as the representations made by the Portfolio Holder, to the Trust, did not reflect the recommendations of the Health, Housing and Social Inclusion Panel or the resolution of Cabinet. Instead she chose to promote an option which did not form part of the formal consultation process. The Council’s alternative option of retaining and upgrading Hythe Birth Centre was apparently only included as an afterthought. As a result the opportunity for New Forest District Council to have a meaningful impact on the decision was lost.

The Council calls on the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Inclusion to consider her position and at the very least, to apologise to the Council, the Leader and residents of the New Forest for using her office to promote her own views over and above those reached through the democratic process.”

(b) Cllr Mrs Smith:

“This Council urges the Cabinet to agree an appropriate sum in the budget for 2007/08, to allow the council to address any urgent issues relating to Climate Change”.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 41, the above motions, after being proposed and seconded (without speeches), should stand referred to the Cabinet, Committees or Panels within whose terms of reference the subject matters fall, or to the Cabinet or such Committees or Panels as the Council may determine. However, the Chairman may allow a motion to be dealt with at this meeting if he considers it urgent, convenient or conducive to the despatch of business; and, in regard to Cabinet functions, if the Cabinet is in agreement.

8. The Council Tax 2007/2008 Setting the Tax Base (Report B)

To agree the calculation of the Council Tax Base in so far as it relates to the Council's functions.

9. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

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