

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, 21 July 2008 at 6.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes (Paper A)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 21 April and 19 May 2008 as correct records.

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. Petition – Ferries Proposed for Lymington

In accordance with Standing Order 23, to receive a petition with approximately 2,000 signatures from the Lymington River Association. The Association is requesting a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the proposed larger replacement Wightlink ferries operating in the Lymington River.

The Lymington River Association feels strongly that an EIA is necessary to try and ensure that Wightlink will not damage the legally protected Special Area of Conservation (SAC) estuary, nor put other river users (including many small children undergoing training) at risk. They also request that the EIA also needs to make a proper assessment of the likely impact of increased traffic on the local and New Forest National Park infrastructure.

In accordance with Standing Order 38, if the Chairman considers the petition urgent, the Council shall consider it. If it is not considered urgent, it shall be referred to the Cabinet, Committee or Panel within whose terms of reference it falls.

Standing Order 38 provides further that where a petition affects the Council's approved strategies, policies or budgets, the Council shall not make a final decision until the Cabinet has had the opportunity to consider and make recommendations on the issue to the Council.

5. Reports of Cabinet and Committees

Cabinet	7 May, 4 June and 7 July 2008
General Purposes & Licensing Committee	21 July 2008
NFDC/TVBC Commercial Services Joint Committee	17 June 2008
Planning Development Control Committee	9 July 2008
Standards Committee	30 May 2008

6. Questions

Under Standing Order 22.

7. Notice of Motion

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

“That this Council urges South Central Strategic Health Authority (SHA) not to proceed with proposals for the introduction of fluoride into the water supplies of the New Forest District.

Residents should be given freedom of choice as to their fluoride intake. Fluoride already appears naturally in water and there are many products available such as fluoride tablets which can be used should individuals be concerned regarding their fluoride levels. Indeed regular brushing with fluoride toothpaste will help with the prevention of tooth decay.

The Council is aware that water fluoridation can help prevent tooth decay in children, however there is evidence to suggest that the addition of this chemical to drinking water can cause side effects. It is understood that the Medical Research Council has recommended that further research be undertaken into the negative outcomes relating to bone health and water fluoridation, as well as other health effects including allergies, effects on fertility and gut problems.

The Council therefore considers that water supplies should not be fluoridated”.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 41, the above motion, after being proposed and seconded (without speeches), should stand referred to the Cabinet, or to the Cabinet or such Committees or Panels as the Council may determine. 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, if the Cabinet is in agreement.

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, 18 July 2008.)

9. Report of Returning Officer – By-election for Ringwood South Ward – 19 June 2008 (Report B)

To receive the report of the Returning Officer on the by-election for the Ringwood South Ward of New Forest District Council on 19 June 2008.

10. Delegations (Report C)

To agree the delegation of powers as outlined in the report.

11. Changes to Committees and Panels

- (a) At the request of the Conservative Group to agree to a change in membership of the Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters Review Panel by substituting Cllr J Heron for Cllr Mrs Rostand; and
- (b) To consider any other changes to the membership of Committees or Panels that might be proposed by the political groups.

12. Meeting Dates for the 2009/10 Municipal Year

The Council is asked to agree the dates of its meetings for the 2009/10 Municipal year.

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

18 May 2009 (annual meeting) (already agreed)

29 June 2009 (if necessary)

20 July 2009

14 September 2009

26 October 2009

14 December 2009

22 February 2010

19 April 2010

17 May 2010 (annual meeting)

13. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

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