

SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the annual meeting of the District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 16 May 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

The Chairman of the Council (Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth) in the Chair.

Apologies

1. Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman of the Council to hold office until the annual meeting in 2012.

Cllr J Penwarden has been nominated as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Declaration of acceptance of office by the Chairman and investiture of badges of office

The newly elected Chairman in the Chair.

Vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth and presentation of badges.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until the annual meeting in 2012.

Cllr Thierry has been nominated as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Declaration of acceptance of office by the Vice-Chairman and investiture of badges of office.

3. Appointment of Leader of the Council

To appoint a Leader of the Council for the four year period until May 2015.

4. Minutes (Paper A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2011 as a correct record.

5. Chairman's Announcements

6. Leader's Announcements

7. Appointment of Deputy Leader, Number and Content of Portfolios and Appointment of Portfolio Holders

The Leader of the Council will inform the Council of:

- (a) the name of the councillor he has appointed Deputy Leader of the Council
- (b) the number and content of the Portfolios
- (c) the name of the councillor he has appointed to each Portfolio

8. Report of the Returning Officer (Report B)

To receive the report of the Returning Officer on the election of District, Parish and Town Councillors held on Thursday 5 May 2011.

9. Political Representation on Committees

In accordance with Section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council must review the representation of political groups on committees at the annual meeting each year or as soon as practicable thereafter. For this purpose, "committees" includes the Council's Overview Panels but excludes the Cabinet. The provisions of the Act relating to political proportionality do not apply to the Standards Committee.

The Act prescribes, amongst other things, that –

- (a) the majority of seats on committees must be allocated to the majority political group; and

- (b) subject to (a) above, the number of seats on committees allocated to each political group must bear the same proportion as the total of the membership of that group to the membership of the authority;

These provisions need not be applied if a different position is agreed without any member of the authority voting against.

The political representation on the Council following the ordinary election of Councillors on 5 May 2011 is as follows:

Conservative 54
Liberal Democrat 6

The political group leaders have been advised of the numbers of seats allocated to their groups on each Committee and Panel under the principles set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) above. Recommendations for the appointment of members to Committees and Panels will be circulated later for consideration under item 10 of this agenda.

RECOMMENDED:

That appointments be made to committees and panels in accordance with the principles for the allocation of seats to political parties as set out in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, except in those cases where it is decided without any member voting against, not to apply the principles of proportionality;

10. Appointment of Committees, Panels and Representatives on the National Park Authority (Report C)

- (a) To appoint members to the Committees and Panels set out in Report C, as proposed by the political groups, for the four year period commencing May 2011.
- (b) To appoint four members to the National Park Authority, appointments to which are required urgently.

11. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

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