

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, 15 April 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes (Paper A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2013 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. Leader's Announcements

5. Reports of Committee and Cabinet

General Purposes & Licensing Committee – 15 April 2013 (to follow)

Cabinet – 6 March and 3 April 2013

6. Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels for 2012/13 (Report B)

To receive the annual report of the Overview & Scrutiny Panels.

7. Questions

Under Standing Order 22.

8. Questions to Portfolio Holders under Standing Order 22A

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, 12 April 2013.)

9. Political Representation on the Council

Councillors Lagdon and Scrivens have given notice of their resignation from the Conservative Group and their intention to form a “United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)” Group on the Council. This means that the overall proportionality on the Council will be:

Conservative	52
Liberal Democrat	6
UKIP	2

The Council is required to allocate seats on Committees and Panels in accordance with the principles of proportionate representation set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. These principles require that the numbers of seats allocated to each political group are in proportion to their membership of the authority, unless the Council decides otherwise without any member of the Council voting against.

To comply with these principles, the UKIP Group should be allocated three Committee places - on the Appeals, Planning Development Control and General Purposes and Licensing Committees.

The Council is requested to make appropriate appointments to Committees which meet the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The wishes of the political groups will be reported at the meeting.

10. Nominations for Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council

To consider nominations submitted for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the following municipal year and to make recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 13 May 2013.

The following nominations have been received from the Conservative Group:

Chairman – Cllr Mrs L C Ford
Vice-Chairman – Cllr Mrs M D Holding

11. Honorary Freedom of the District (Report C)

To consider bestowing the honorary freedom of New Forest District on Dame Mary Fagan DCVO JP and associated arrangements.

12. Delegation of Powers to Officers

The Council operates an extensive scheme of delegation of powers to officers. It is important that the scheme is kept as current as possible to reflect changes in legislation and working practices. With respect to delegations of powers that are not executive functions, Members are requested to approve the following amendments:

- (a) The deletion of those delegations of powers to officers where operational, administrative or legislative changes make the delegation redundant;
- (b) That where it does not already specify, it be agreed that each delegation also includes any subsequent amendments and re-enactments of legislation in respect of the original delegation already authorised; and
- (c) That Section 34 Localism Act be added to the existing delegation already granted to the Monitoring Officer in respect of dispensations.

13. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

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