

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, 14 April 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (PAPER A)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2014 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	7 March and 14 April 2014 (to follow)
Cabinet	5 March and 2 April 2014

6. REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS FOR 2013/14 (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, 11 April 2014.)

9. 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 19 May 2014.

The following nominations have been received from the Conservative Group:

Chairman – Cllr Mrs M D Holding
Vice-Chairman – Cllr Mrs A J Hoare

10. STANDARDS REGIME

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Authorities Group (HLOWLA) have requested all principal councils to consider reviewing their standards regimes to ensure consistency of approach (and thus minimise confusion, especially for dual-hatted members) in three main areas, by requiring the following:-

1. Members to declare interests relating to charitable and public bodies, bodies to which members have been appointed by the authority, and political parties and trade unions.
2. Members to declare gifts and hospitality (received in their official capacity) with an estimated value of £50 or over.
3. Members who have a statutory Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter which is before a meeting, to leave the room (although the law does not require them to).

This Council already has rules within its Standing Orders that deal with point 1 above. With regard to point 2, it would appear sensible to have a Register of Gifts and Hospitality for members to declare items with an estimated value of £50 or over. With regard to point 3, as there is no requirement in law for members to leave the room when they have a DPI (although some members currently do so), it is not proposed at this stage to change the Council's existing rules in this regard.

RECOMMENDED:

That a Register of Gifts and Hospitality be introduced for members to declare gifts and hospitality (received in an official capacity) with an estimated value of £50 or over.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

To consider any changes to the membership of Committees or Panels that might be proposed by the political groups.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

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