

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: CABINET

Date and Time: WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016, AT 11.00 AM*

PLEASE NOTE AMENDED START TIME

Place: COUNCIL CHAMBER, APPLETREE COURT,
LYNDHURST

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

*Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme:

- (a) immediately before the meeting starts, on items within the Cabinet's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or
 - (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item.
- Speeches may not exceed three minutes. Anyone wishing to speak should contact the name and number shown above.

***PLEASE NOTE:** This meeting will be preceded by a presentation, starting at 10.00 a.m., by the Chief Executive on the latest position with respect to the various options for the devolution of powers to local government, following the Autumn Statement announcement, the County Council's response to their consultation and publication of the report commissioned by 6 Hampshire Authorities, including this Council, from Price Waterhouse Cooper evaluating options for the future of local government in the County.*

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW UPDATE (Pages 1 - 18)

To consider the latest developments with respect to factors affecting the future of local government, including the Government's Autumn Financial Statement and the potential devolution of powers to local government.

5. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Pages 19 - 22)

To consider whether to continue with a revised Traffic Management Agency Agreement with Hampshire County Council.

6. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (Pages 23 - 28)

To consider the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18, to be applied locally for those of working age on low income.

7. THE COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017-18 (Pages 29 - 36)

To recommend the tax base for 2017/18 to the Council for approval.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REQUIREMENT

The Council's budget for 2016/17 includes a sum of £500,000 for the renovation of the public conveniences at New Milton and at Bath Road in Lymington, using the very successful modular system. This system has, over the last 10 years, markedly reduced the running and maintenance costs of these facilities, and vandalism has also been reduced. It was envisaged that combining the two projects into one tender would benefit from economies of scale. Following surveys, both blocks need to be replaced, rather than refurbished, and we have also taken the opportunity to include a "changing places" facility to assist those with disabilities. The tenders have now been received and the total value of works comes to £632,000. Offsetting savings within the Portfolio's budget totalling £97,000 have been identified to reduce the supplementary estimate required in order to proceed to £35,000.

RECOMMENDED:

In order for the replacement projects to continue, the Council be requested to approve the additional budget requirement of £132,000, noting that £97,000 of that will be offset within the Portfolio's budgets.

To:

Councillors

Mrs S V Beeton
J E Binns
Mrs J L Cleary

Councillors

E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)
J D Heron
B Rickman (Chairman)