

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**Meeting:** CABINET

**Date and Time:** WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2017, AT 10.00 AM\*

**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.

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## AGENDA

### **Apologies**

#### **1. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2017 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. STRATEGY FOR BUSINESS - "HELPING LOCAL BUSINESS GROW" (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the draft Business Strategy, to form the basis for consultations.

**5. A31 IMPROVEMENTS - RINGWOOD (Pages 7 - 14)**

To agree the response to be made to Highways England with respect to their consultation on improvements to the A31 at Ringwood.

**6. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT - BASED ON PERFORMANCE TO JULY 2017 (Pages 15 - 20)**

To receive an update on the 2017/18 budget, adjusted for any initial budget changes required (on a Portfolio and Committee basis), and including the addition of the rephased budgets from 2016/17.

**7. "SERVING HAMPSHIRE - BALANCING THE BUDGET" - RESPONSE TO HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION (Pages 21 - 24)**

To consider the response to be made in respect of the County Council's consultation.

**8. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

The Cabinet on 5 April agreed the process for recruiting members to the Independent Remuneration Panel to review the Members' Allowances Scheme. The agreed process has been followed and it is:

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the following persons be appointed to serve on the Panel for 4 years with effect from 1 October 2017

- Dr Declan Hall – former academic and now self-employed Local Government consultant, specialising in members' allowances
- Di Roberts, CBE – Principal and Chief Executive of Brockenhurst College
- Gerald Lewis – former local government employee, former parish councillor and current volunteer Chairman of the New Forest "LEADER" Rural Development Grants Programme

All members of the Council will be advised of the arrangements for the Panel's meetings and will be invited to contribute to the deliberations.

## 9. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT

This Council appoints 2 representatives (Cllrs Holding and J Heron) and 2 substitute representatives (Cllrs Kendal and J Ward) to represent the Council at the South East Employers Organisation. Cllr Kendal now represents the County Council on that body and it is therefore necessary to appoint a replacement.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

That Cllr M Harris be appointed as a substitute representative on the South East Employers Organisation, in place of Cllr Kendal.

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)