

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: CABINET

Date and Time: WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 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 4 October 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. CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE - FEEDBACK REPORT** (Pages 1 - 16)
To receive the report of the Peer Review Group.
- 5. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES** (Pages 17 - 22)
To agree the response to be made in respect of the Government's consultation on revisions to the parliamentary constituency boundaries.
- 6. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2018/19** (Pages 23 - 36)
To agree the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018/19.
- 7. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME - PROSECUTIONS AND PENALTIES POLICY** (Pages 37 - 44)
To consider and agree the Council's policy.
- 8. THE COUNCIL TAX 2018/19 - SETTING THE TAX BASE** (Pages 45 - 52)
To set the Council Tax Base for 2018/19.
- 9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2018 ONWARDS** (Pages 53 - 60)
To consider the development of the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2018 onwards.
- 10. CHANGES TO THE 2017/18 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 61 - 64)
To approve amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.
- 11. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 65 - 84)
To consider a strategy for investment in residential properties.
- 12. PAYMENT SERVICES DIRECTIVE**
The Payment Services Directive, incorporated into UK law, will make it illegal for the Council to charge extra for credit or debit card transactions after 13 January 2018. The Council's existing policy of levying a 1.5% fee on credit charge transactions for Housing Rents, Council Tax and Business Rates will therefore be redacted from this date.

The Cabinet are accordingly:

RECOMMENDED:

To note the above change to the card charging policy, with effect from 13 January 2018.

13. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

Subsequent to the recent changes to portfolios, it is necessary to amend the Council's representation on some outside bodies.

RECOMMENDED:

That the following amendments be made to the Council's representation on outside bodies:

Outside Body	Current representative	New Representative
Community First – New Forest	Cllr Mrs D E Andrews	Vacancy
Forest Forge Theatre Company	Cllr Mrs A M Rostand (Deputy Cllr Mrs C V Ward)	Cllr Mrs C V Ward (Deputy Cllr W H Dow)
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	(Deputy Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities)	(Deputy Portfolio Holder for Community Affairs)
Local Government Association Coastal Issues Group	Portfolio Holder for Environment	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services
New Forest Citizen's Advice Bureau	(Deputy Mrs D E Andrews)	(Deputy Vacancy)
Project Integra Strategic Board	Portfolio Holder for Environment (Deputy Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation)	Portfolio Holder Environment and Regulatory Services (Deputy Portfolio Holder Community Affairs)
Safer New Forest Partnership	Portfolio Holder Housing and Communities	Portfolio Holder Community Affairs

To:

Councillors

Mrs D E Andrews
J E Binns
Mrs J L Cleary
M R Harris

Councillors

E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)
J D Heron
Mrs A J Hoare
B Rickman (Chairman)