



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

14 October 2019



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 October 2019, at 6.30 pm



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 12)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of interests made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interests 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. REPORT OF CABINET (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider the report of the Cabinet dated 2 October 2019.

6. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (Pages 15 - 18)

To consider the report of the General Purposes & Licensing Committee dated 13 September 2019.

7. REPORT OF HR COMMITTEE (Pages 19 - 20)

To consider the report of the HR Committee dated 19 September 2019.

8. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL - CLIMATE CHANGE MOTION (Pages 21 - 22)

To consider the report of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel dated 19 September 2019, with regard to the Climate Change Motion referred to the Panel by Council.

9. QUESTIONS

Under Standing Order 22.

10. 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 Executive Head of Governance and Regulation by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 11 October 2019.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr J Davies will move the following motion:-

This Council notes that:

This Council operates on a Cabinet System with Overview and Scrutiny Committees providing scrutiny of decisions made by the Cabinet Members and Officers.

The Chairs of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee are appointed by the Ruling Administration.

This always leads to the Chairs of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee being from the Ruling Administration.

This Council believes that:

The ability of those members of the council who do not represent the ruling administration to effectively scrutinise the decisions of the ruling administration is vital to ensuring representative and effective decision-making.

The most effective way of ensuring proper scrutiny of decisions made by the ruling administration is for Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be chaired by councillors not from the ruling administration. There are many examples of these such arrangements, such as: Stratford-upon-Avon District Council, Swale Borough Council, and Warwickshire County Council.

With Opposition Members chairing scrutiny committees, the Council can ensure that any issues with this Council's decisions can be raised before a decision is made rather than after the decision has been enacted.

This Council calls for:

The Chairs of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be proposed by the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Leader/s of the Opposition Group/s with the Chairs of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee being members of the Opposition Group/s.

Note:

Under the provisions of Standing Order 41, the above motion, after being proposed and seconded (without speeches), should stand referred to the Cabinet, or to the Cabinet or such Committees or Panels as the Council may determine. However, the Chairman may allow the motion to be dealt with at this meeting if he considers it urgent, convenient or conducive to the despatch of business.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

13. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT