

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**Meeting:** ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

**Date and Time:** THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2019, AT 2.00 PM\*

**Place:** COMMITTEE ROOM 1, 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 Panel'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 meetings held on 14 March and 20 May 2019 as correct records.

#### **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. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' REPORTS**

To receive an oral update from the Portfolio Holders for Environment and Regulatory Services and for Planning and Infrastructure.

### **5. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN (TO FOLLOW)**

To consider the annual performance of services under the purview of this Panel and the provisional budget outturn figures.

### **6. MOTION FROM COUNCIL**

To consider the following motion from Cllr Malcolm Wade:

Council notes:

1. Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in October 2018 gave us 12 years to implement changes to keep global warming to a maximum of 1.5 degrees in order to avoid widespread drought, food scarcity, heat related deaths and loss of biodiversity including insects and vital food crop pollinators.
2. At present the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050. In order to reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO<sub>2</sub>eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible.
3. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, and infrastructure to make low carbon living easier and the new norm.
4. Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption.
5. New Forest District Council has already made some positive progress, but this is not enough. More can and must be done. The Independent Panel on Climate Change in its Oct. 2018 report was very clear that action from all parts of society is necessary and local government has a responsibility to lead the way.
6. Councils around the world are responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and taking action to address this emergency.

Council believes that:

1. All levels of government (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown. Local councils that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies.
2. The New Forest is a unique environment and this district council has a duty to protect it. The consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C

are potentially so severe that preventing this from happening must be a number one priority.

3. Bold local climate action can deliver economic and social benefits in terms of new green jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, as well as much improved well-being for New Forest residents – for example through reducing fuel poverty and energy bills, encouraging healthy, active travel and improving green spaces and access to nature.

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Pledge to make the New Forest district carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
3. Report to full Council within six months setting out the immediate actions the Council will take to address this emergency and a plan to measure annual countywide progress towards meeting the 2030 target.
4. Work with partners across the district and the region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans and drawing on local and global best practice.
5. Actively lobby the Government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2030 target.

**7. ASH DIE BACK**

To receive a presentation on Ash Die Back.

**8. STRATEGY FOR COASTAL FUNDING (Pages 1 - 36)**

To consider a report of the Task and Finish Group and the proposed NFDC Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Investment Strategy.

**9. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 37 - 38)**

To agree the work programme to guide the Panel's activities over the coming months.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To agree to change the date of the next meeting from 12 to 19 September 2019.

**11. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

To:

**Councillors:**

Steve Rippon-Swaine (Chairman)  
Sue Bennison (Vice-Chairman)  
Ann Bellows  
Geoffrey Blunden  
Allan Glass

**Councillors:**

Andrew Gossage  
Stephanie Osborne  
Tony Ring  
Derek Tipp  
Malcolm Wade