



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

12 April 2021



SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held in Microsoft Teams - Online on Monday, 12 April 2021, at 6.30 pm



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 66)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2021 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. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. ACTING LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. REPORT OF THE CABINET

To consider the report of the Cabinet dated 7 April 2021 (to follow).

6. REPORT OF THE HR COMMITTEE (Pages 67 - 68)

To consider the report of the HR Committee dated 18 March 2021.

7. QUESTIONS

Under Standing Order 22.

8. 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 Housing by not later than 12.00 noon, Friday 9 April 2021.

9. EARLY RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE HEAD OF OPERATIONS (DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE) (Pages 69 - 70)

To consider a request from the Executive Head of Operations (Deputy Chief Executive) for early retirement of the grounds of efficiency.

10. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To consider and make recommendations to the Council on 17 May 2021 for election/appointment to the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the following municipal year.

The Conservative Group has nominated Cllr Tipp for election to the office of Chairman and Cllr O'Sullivan to the office of Vice-Chairman.

The Liberal Democrat Group has nominated Cllr Rackham for election to the office of Chairman and the office of Vice-Chairman.

11. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To elect a Leader of the Council for the remainder of the four year period ending May 2023.

12. ADDITIONAL MEETING DATE

RECOMMENDED:

That the Council agrees a provisional date of 6.30 pm, Monday 14 June 2021 as an Extraordinary Council meeting, subject to the outcome of the New Milton Neighbourhood Plan referendum, scheduled to take place in May 2021.

13. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

14. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL – VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Background

This meeting is being held virtually with all participants accessing via Microsoft Teams.

A live stream will be available on YouTube to allow the press and public to view meetings in real time and can also be found at the relevant meeting page on the Council's website, with this published agenda.

Principles for all meetings

The Chairman will read out Ground Rules at the start of the meeting for the benefit of all participants. All normal procedures for meetings apply as far as practicable, as the Government Regulations do not amend any of the Council's existing Standing Orders.

The Ground Rules for all virtual meetings will include, but are not limited to, the following:-

- All participants are reminded that virtual public meetings are being broadcast live on YouTube and will be available for repeated viewing. Please be mindful of your camera and microphone setup and the images and sounds that will be broadcast on public record.
- All participants are asked to mute their microphones when not speaking to reduce feedback and background noise. Please only unmute your microphone and speak when invited to do so by the Chairman.
- Councillors in attendance that have not indicated their wish to speak in advance of the meeting can make a request to speak during the meeting by using the "raise hand" feature in Microsoft Teams. Requests will be managed by the Chairman with support from Democratic Services. Please remember to "lower hand" when you have finished speaking.
- The chat facility should not be used unless raising a point of order or providing the wording for a motion.
- All participants are asked to refer to the report number and page number within the agenda and reports pack so that there is a clear understanding of what is being discussed at all times.

Voting

When voting is required on a particular item, each councillor on the committee will be called to vote in turn by name, expressing their vote verbally. The outcome will be announced to the meeting. A recorded vote will not be reflected in the minutes of the meeting unless this is requested in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

By casting their vote, councillors do so in the acknowledgement that they were present for the duration of the item in question.

Technology

If individuals experience technical issues, the meeting will continue providing that it is quorate and it is still practical to do so. The Chairman will adjourn the meeting if technical issues cause the meeting to be inquorate, the live stream technology fails, or continuing is not practical.