

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Date and Time: THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021, AT 9.30 AM*

Place: MICROSOFT TEAMS - ONLINE

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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 no later than **12.00 noon on Tuesday, 23 March 2021**. This will allow the Council to provide public speakers with the necessary joining instructions for the Microsoft Teams Meeting.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

4. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' REPORTS AND PERFORMANCE DASHBOARDS (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive an oral update from the Portfolio Holders on developments within their Portfolio areas and with reference to the Performance Dashboards.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE - PRESENTATION

To receive an update on:

- the Council's Financial Position; and
- a summary of the latest Business Grants administered by the Council

6. 'BREATHING SPACE' DEBT RESPITE PROTECTION

To receive a presentation on the new 'Breathing Space' regulations, which come into force on 4 May 2021, and will provide debt respite protection.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION TASK AND FINISH GROUP

To consider arrangements for the operation of the Council Tax Reduction Task and Finish Group.

8. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 14)

To consider the Panel's future Work Programme.

9. 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.

Public Participation

Contact details to register to speak in accordance with the Council’s Public Participation Procedures are on the front page of this agenda.

In order to speak at a virtual meeting, you must have the facility to join a Microsoft Teams Meeting. Joining instructions will be sent to registered speakers in advance of the meeting.

The Council will accept a written copy of a statement from registered speakers that do not wish to join a Microsoft Teams Meeting, or are unable to. The statement will be read out at the meeting and should not exceed three minutes. Please use the contact details on the agenda front sheet for further information.

To: **Councillors:**

Alexis McEvoy (Chairman)
Alan Alvey (Vice-Chairman)
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Keith Craze
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Councillors:

Mahmoud Kangarani
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