



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

6 September 2021



SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held in Council Chamber - Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA on Monday, 6 September 2021, at 6.30 pm



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Interim Chief Executive

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. **MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 20)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 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. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. REPORT OF THE CABINET (To Follow)

To consider the report of the Cabinet dated 1 September 2021.

6. QUESTIONS

Under Standing Order 22.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr M Wade will move the following motion:-

"This Council notes:-

The findings of the IPCC report approved by 195 member governments state:-

- *That many of the changes observed in the climate are unprecedented in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of years, and some of the changes already set in motion, such as continued sea level rise, are irreversible over hundreds to thousands of years.*
- *The evidence is clear that carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the main driver of climate change, even as other greenhouse gases and air pollutants also affect the climate.*
- *The report projects that in the coming decades climate changes will increase in all regions.*
- *It also shows that emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities are responsible for approximately 1.1°C of warming since 1850-1900 and finds that averaged over the next 20 years, global temperature is expected to reach or exceed 1.5°C of warming*
- *For 1.5°C of global warming, there will be increasing heat waves, longer warm seasons and shorter cold seasons.*
- *The report shows at 2°C of global warming, heat extremes would more often reach critical tolerance thresholds for agriculture and health.*
- *Climate change is affecting rainfall patterns. In high latitudes, precipitation is likely to increase, while it is projected to decrease over large parts of the subtropics. Changes to monsoon precipitation are expected, which will vary by region.*
- *Climate change is intensifying the water cycle. This brings more intense rainfall and associated flooding, as well as more intense drought in many regions.*
- *The report also shows that human actions still have the potential to determine the future course of climate. The evidence is clear that carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the main driver of climate change, even as other greenhouse gases and air pollutants also affect the climate.*

This Council believes that:-

- *Stabilizing the climate will require strong, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reaching net zero CO2 emissions.*
- *Limiting other greenhouse gases and air pollutants, especially methane, could have benefits both for health and the climate.*
- *That strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gases would limit climate change.*

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to:-

- *Declare a 'Climate Emergency';*
- *Pledge to make the New Forest district carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;*
- *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 district wide progress towards meeting the 2030 target.*
- *Take into account carbon reduction actions in every aspect of its business*
- *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.*
- *Actively lobby the Government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2030 target."*

Cllr Osborne will second the motion.

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; and, as this is a Cabinet function, if the Cabinet is in agreement.

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 3 September 2021.

9. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Pages 21 - 22)

To consider the report of the Appointment Panel in relation to the appointment of the Chief Executive.

10. MEETING DATES

RECOMMENDED:

That meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in 2022/23 (Mondays at

6.30pm):-

16 May 2022 – Annual Council (already agreed)

11 July 2022

12 September 2022

10 October 2022

12 December 2022

20 February 2023

10 April 2023

22 May 2023 – Annual Council

11. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT