

# NOTICE OF MEETING

**Meeting:** CABINET

**Date and Time:** WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2023 AT 10.00 AM

**Place:** COUNCIL CHAMBER - APPLETREE COURT, BEAULIEU ROAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7PA

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Members of the public may watch this meeting live on the [Council's website](#).

Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme:

- (a) on items within the Cabinet'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 Friday, 1 December 2023.

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# AGENDA

## Apologies

### 1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2023 as a correct record.

### 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any public participation in accordance with the Council's public

participation scheme.

**3. 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.

**4. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION (Pages 5 - 24)**

**5. TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY 2024-2028 (FUTURE NEW FOREST - TRANSFORMING TOMORROW, TOGETHER) (Pages 25 - 54)**

**6. UPDATE REPORT - NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON RECYCLING AND WASTE STRATEGY AND PLANNED SERVICE CHANGE (Pages 55 - 64)**

**7. COUNCIL TAX 2024/25 - SETTING THE TAX BASE (Pages 65 - 70)**

**8. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2024/25, HOUSING BENEFIT INCOME DISREGARD AND NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATE RELIEF POLICY REVIEW (Pages 71 - 88)**

**9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023 ONWARDS (Pages 89 - 98)**

**10. RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND: INVESTMENT PLAN FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (Pages 99 - 110)**

**11. SUPPORTING THE ARMED FORCES AND THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT (Pages 111 - 116)**

**12. FREEDOM LEISURE CONTRACT VARIATION (Pages 117 - 130)**

**13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

The report at item 12 of the agenda - Freedom Leisure Contract Variation (Appendix 2) contains exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 5 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Notice is hereby given under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that this part of the meeting of the Cabinet may be held in private.

If required, the Chairman will move the following resolution:-

"That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and the press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

Description of exempt information – Paragraph 5 – Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

## **Part II - Private Session**

Members are reminded that reports and information relating to this session are not for publication and should be treated as **strictly confidential**.

To:

**Councillors**

Jill Cleary (Chairman)  
Steve Davies (Vice-Chairman)  
Geoffrey Blunden

**Councillors**

Jeremy Heron  
Dan Poole  
Derek Tipp