



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

9 October 2023



SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held in the Council Chamber - Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA on Monday, 9 October 2023, at the conclusion of the Special Meeting which precedes this meeting at 6.30 pm.



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023 as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To note any declarations of interests made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interests 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 CABINET - 4 OCTOBER 2023 (To Follow)

To consider the report and recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 October 2023 (to follow).

For reference, the Cabinet agenda and reports are published on the Council's website at the following link:-

[Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 4th October, 2023, 10.00 am \(newforest.gov.uk\)](https://www.newforest.gov.uk)

6. REPORT OF PLACE AND SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL - 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 (Pages 17 - 22)

To consider the report and recommendations of the Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 14 September 2023, with regard to the motion seeking the Council's support for the proposed Climate and Ecology Bill.

7. QUESTIONS

To ask questions under Standing Order 22. Questions received will be published ahead of the meeting. (Members are reminded that questions must be submitted to Democratic Services by no later than 12.00 noon, Wednesday 4 October 2023).

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

"This Council recognises the nature of any decisions it makes in relation to finance, crime and the environment in how it impacts the current residents of the district but does not consider the impact on the future generation of residents or the youth of today of these or any other factors.

This Council notes the youth of today are the electors of tomorrows, whose views on how the Council manages the district are vitally important so it is essential that policies and plans take into account additional generational factors such as social, environmental and wellbeing changes as well in relation to the next generations of council tax payers.

The Council recognises other local and regional governments take this into account already, including the Welsh Sennydd and encourage young people to be part of the democratic processes which will shape their world, encouraging active participation and contribution.

Therefore I propose every decision taken by New Forest District Council is considered in terms of the impact on future generations, in the same way that decisions are considered in terms of impact regarding environment, finance and crime.

In many ways we are caretakers of our district, hoping to improve life for our residents but leave our district a better place for future generations. But questions regarding the impact of decisions we make now on future residents are not asked.

We are not usually told about any impact on future generations as part of our discussions unless there is a particular relevance. Portfolio Holders currently do not need to record that impact on the decision outlines.

I would suggest that our decisions should be specifically considered in terms of their impact on generations into the future, to ensure we are not leaving our future residents with poor decisions made for short-term purposes. Other local and regional governments take this into account already, including the Welsh Sennydd and if we are to encourage young people to be part of the democratic processes which will shape their world, we surely need to start by considering how our own decisions will impact on future generations.”

Cllr J Davies will second the motion.

Notes:-

Under the provisions of Standing Order 42, the above motion, after being proposed and seconded (without speeches), should stand referred to the body within whose terms of reference the subject matter of the motions comes, or the Cabinet or such Committees or Panels that the Council may determine.

The Chairman may allow the motion to be dealt with at this meeting if they consider it urgent, convenient or conducive to the despatch of business.

9. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT