



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

11 December 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, 11 December 2023, at 6.30 pm



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Chief Executive

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 24)

To confirm the minutes of the Special and Ordinary meetings held on 9 October 2023 as correct records.

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 - 1 NOVEMBER 2023 (Pages 25 - 50)

6. REPORT OF CABINET - 6 DECEMBER 2023 (To Follow)

7. QUESTIONS (To Follow)

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 6 December 2023).

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

“For our District, the greatest challenges that our coastal community face are:

- *Coastal communities impacted by climate change.*
- *Coastal Landfill being eroded.*
- *Obtaining funding to protect our coastline.*

Therefore, this Council supports the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Coastal Communities’ call for a dedicated Minister for the Coast, to provide an effective and efficient overarching role to support our unique communities and the many challenges that they face on land on the frontline of climate change.”

Cllr Cleary will second the motion.

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. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

The Council’s Monitoring Officer, Grainne O’Rourke (Strategic Director – Housing, Communities and Governance) will leave the Council in January 2024.

Approval is sought to ensure the smooth transition of the Monitoring Officer function.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Tanya Coulter (currently Service Manager – Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer) be appointed as Monitoring Officer, with effect from the departure date of the current Monitoring Officer, Grainne O’Rourke.
2. That the consequential amendments be made throughout the Council’s Constitution.

10. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

The Background Report to be circulated at item 6 of the agenda (Report of the Cabinet – 6 December 2023), relating to ‘Freedom Leisure Contract Variation’, contains exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 5 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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 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.