



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

26 February 2024



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, 26 February 2024, at 6.30 pm



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 24)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 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. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/25** (Pages 25 - 50)
6. **INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2024/25** (Pages 51 - 58)
7. **LICENSING SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25** (Pages 59 - 64)
8. **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024/25** (Pages 65 - 76)
9. **REPORT OF CABINET - 7 FEBRUARY 2024** (Pages 77 - 190)
10. **REPORT OF CABINET - 21 FEBRUARY 2024** (To Follow)

Ahead of the Supplementary Council Agenda publication, which will follow the Cabinet meeting, the background Cabinet reports relating to this meeting can be viewed on the Council's website at the following link:-

[Cabinet – Wednesday 21 February 2024](#)

11. **THE 2024/25 COUNCIL TAX** (Pages 191 - 202)
12. **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 21 February 2024).

13. **NOTICE OF MOTION - WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRES**

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

“This Council is concerned by Hampshire County Council's plans to close Marchwood and Somerley Recycling Centres.

This Council believes these plans will increase fly-tipping in the New Forest and mean more money is spent by New Forest District Council on removing fly-tipped waste.

This Council calls for a corporate response to the consultation to be prepared expressing this council's opposition to the closure of any New Forest Recycling Centre.

This Council further calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Government highlighting the dire financial situation of local authorities and urging the Government to make more funding available so local authorities do not have to cut vital public services.”

Cllr Rackham 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.

14. SENIOR LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS (Pages 203 - 204)

15. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

16. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT