



**New Forest**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# Council Meeting Agenda

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**8 April 2024**





# 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, 8 April 2024, at 6.30 pm



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# AGENDA

## Apologies

### 1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 34)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 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. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS REVIEW (Pages 35 - 40)**

**6. RESPONSE TO MOTION - HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANS TO CLOSE MARCHWOOD AND SOMERLEY RECYCLING CENTRES / LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCES (To Follow)**

To consider the outcome of the Resources and Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Panel's consideration of the following motion, which was referred to the Panel by the Council at its meeting on 26 February 2024:-

*"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."*

**7. REPORT OF CABINET - 3 APRIL 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 – 3 April 2024](#)

**8. 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 3 April 2024).

**9. NOMINATIONS TO THE OFFICES OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

To consider and agree nominations to the Council meeting on 13 May 2024 for election to the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the following municipal year, in accordance with the Constitution.

The Conservative Group has nominated Cllr Hawkins for election to the office of Chairman and Cllr Sleep to the office of Vice-Chairman.

The Liberal Democrat Group has nominated Cllr Harrison for election to the office of Chairman and Cllr J Davies to the office of Vice-Chairman.

As these positions are contested, a secret ballot will be held at the Council meeting.

**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**