



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Council Meeting Agenda

13 May 2024



SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual meeting of the District Council to be held in the Council Chamber - Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA on Monday, 13 May 2024, at 6.30 pm



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 26)

To confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 26 March 2024, and the Ordinary Meeting on 8 April 2024, 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. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN

4. OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Chairman will address the Council, after which he and his consort will be presented with badges of their past offices.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting in 2025.

Cllr Hawkins is the Council's nomination for the ensuing year.

6. ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The newly-elected Chairman will address the Council.

7. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting in 2025.

Cllr Sleep is the Council's nomination for the ensuing year.

8. ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND PANELS (Pages 27 - 30)

To agree the allocation of seats to the political groups on those Committees and Panels to which the political balance rules apply, and to approve the appointment of Members to Committees and Panels.

9. REPORT OF CABINET - 1 MAY 2024 (Pages 31 - 126)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

"This Council notes that:-

- 1. The Leader's foreword to the Corporate Plan states that 'As a well-established community leader, the Council has long recognised the strong heritage and a world-class environment we operate within, and work to protect and enhance. Tackling climate and environmental challenges is key to ensure that the special nature of the New Forest can be enjoyed by future generations.'*
- 2. Two of the four values of this Council are Ambition (We will be ambitious for our people and our place, embracing innovation and best practice) and Fairness (We will act fairly, honestly, and openly in all that we do).*
- 3. The first priority of this Council's Future New Forest transformation programme is "Putting our customers at the heart of what we do".*
- 4. This Council voted in October 2021 to declare a 'Climate and Nature Emergency'.*
- 5. This Council's Corporate Plan 2024 – 2028 does not include measurable targets and a mechanism to report progress against such targets to our residents.*
- 6. High performing organisations relish being measured as it allows them to demonstrate their outstanding performance.*

7. That in the [draft consultation version of the Corporate Plan](#), a measurement of “Overall emissions from council activity (Kg of CO2)” was included.

This Council resolves that:-

1. In order to be ambitious, transparent and put our customers at the heart of what we do SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timebound) targets should be published alongside the Corporate Plan for each item under the “It will be measured by” sections as soon as these targets have been agreed.
2. The mechanisms for reporting against the targets, and publishing progress on a minimum of an annual basis, will be set out alongside the targets.
3. The targets for Place Priority 2 “Protecting our climate, coast, and natural world” will be amended to include a measurement of “Overall emissions from council activity (Kg of CO2)” during this financial year and a target to then reduce these emissions agreed for each subsequent year of the corporate plan period, being reported against and published in line with point 2 above.”

Cllr Parker 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.

11. MEETING DATES

To note the following schedule of Council meetings for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year, all commencing at 6.30 pm:-

- 8 July 2024
- 16 September 2024
- 14 October 2024
- 9 December 2024
- 24 February 2025
- 14 April 2025
- 12 May 2025 (Annual Meeting)

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

At the conclusion of the Annual Council Meeting, the Annual Meetings of the Council's Committees and Panels will be held