

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	CABINET
Date and Time:	WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10.00 AM
Place:	COUNCIL CHAMBER - APPLETREE COURT, BEAULIEU ROAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7PA
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Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's [public participation scheme](#):

- (a) on items within the Cabinet's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or
- (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item. Speeches may not exceed three minutes.

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting, or speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme, should contact the name and number shown above no later than 12.00 noon on Friday, 30 January 2026.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2025 as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any public participation in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme.

5. CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE FEEDBACK VISIT FINAL REPORT
(Pages 5 - 22)

6. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - APPROVAL OF SPATIAL OPTIONS AND POLICY DIRECTION DOCUMENT (Pages 23 - 298)

7. DRAFT NEW FOREST CREATIVE AND CULTURAL FRAMEWORK
(Pages 299 - 322)

8. CORPORATE PLAN: KEY PERFORMANCE DATA FOR QUARTER 2 2025-2026
(Pages 323 - 352)

9. FINANCIAL MONITORING (BASED ON PERFORMANCE APRIL TO DECEMBER 2025 INCLUSIVE) (Pages 353 - 364)

10. COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING 2026/27 (Pages 365 - 390)

11. ASSET MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME AND GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026/27 (Pages 391 - 404)

12. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2026/27 (Pages 405 - 420)

13. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES - SCHEME TO APPLY FROM 1 APRIL 2026
(Pages 421 - 424)

To:

Councillors

Jill Cleary (Chairman)
Steve Davies (Vice-Chairman)
Geoffrey Blunden

Councillors

Jeremy Heron
Dan Poole
Derek Tipp