



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

14 July 2025



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, 14 July 2025 at 6.30 pm



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Chief Executive

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Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should contact the name and number shown below.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2025 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. REPORT OF CABINET - 7 MAY 2025 (Pages 15 - 16)

6. REPORT OF CABINET - 2 JULY 2025 (Pages 17 - 178)

7. QUESTIONS

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, 9 July 2025).

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Council notes that:

Angela Rayner (the Deputy Prime Minister) has published a planning and infrastructure bill designed to liberalise planning rules. The Local Government Association has written to ministers to express reservations about this plan.

Council believes that:

The proposed changes to the role and remit of planning committees, as advanced by the government in their current consultation will lead to an unacceptable loss of democratic accountability and oversight. It is the democratic role of councillors to be involved in the decision-making process of planning applications. Removing the ability for councillors to discuss, debate or vote on key developments in their localities could erode public trust in the planning system and local government itself.

Council resolves:

That the Leader of the Council write directly to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and our Members of Parliament for New Forest East and West to reiterate our opposition to the proposed changes. This is in addition to the detailed response that will be drafted in response to the consultation itself, and that will have been informed by engagement with Members, our current planning committee, our Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel and our Agents Panel.

Cllr Ward 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 determined.

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. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT