



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

13 October 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, 13 October 2025 at 6.30 pm



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 42)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 28 August (Extraordinary meeting) and 15 September 2025 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. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. REVIEW OF MARKET SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS (Pages 43 - 52)

6. REPORT OF CABINET - 1 OCTOBER 2025 (Pages 53 - 332)

7. REPORT OF THE MEMBER APPOINTMENT PANEL (Pages 333 - 334)

8. 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, 8 October 2025).

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Council notes:

That the Government is pushing forward with an agenda to encourage Councils to build more homes, and reform the planning system, including some changes that this Council has raised serious concerns about.

NFDC faces serious challenges over affordable homes for its Residents, with 2000 Families/Individuals on the waiting list for a NFDC property, alongside limited space for new developments due to a significant percentage of our area being within a National Park.

In 2.4 of The adopted Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy seeks to deliver a new housing requirement of at least 10,420 (net) dwellings for the period 2016-2036. Policy STR5 sets out a stepped housing target as follows:

- 2016/17 to 2020/21 - 300 dwellings per annum
- 2021/22 to 2025/26 - 400 dwellings per annum
- 2026/27 to 2035/36 - 700 dwellings per annum

National house building targets remain a difficult target to be met for our Authority, and as the current Local Plan is more than five years old and its strategic housing policies need to be updated, the Council is now required to use the standard method housing need figure as the basis for calculating its five-year housing land supply requirement. The current (as of August 2025) standard method local housing need for the New Forest District (including the National Park) is 1,511 dwellings per annum.

Recent sales of major Police Station sites in Lymington and Hythe could have made a considerable difference in reaching our original 600 NFDC built homes, and supported wider Housing need as set out in our local Plan. Both sites if agreed to be passed to NFDC earlier could have contributed to wider social benefit, by providing safe , secure, centrally located homes for local Families. It is proven how having a home can be the foundation for your wellbeing.

By allowing a fellow public service priority, this proposal could support local housing need as reflected in our local plan and the neighbourhood plans created by local Town and Parish Councils. It would also reflect how our authority wishes to maintain local leadership over housebuilding and a willingness to develop and build homes for our local Families.

Council recommends:

1. That the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Minister of State for Housing and Planning, the Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness and our Members of Parliament for New Forest East and West, requesting that the Government should consider a proposal where any sale of a public asset is offered to a fellow public body, first and not necessarily to the highest bidder from the private sector.
2. That the Council engages with the LGA to seek wider support for a campaign that allows public assets to be maintained for the wider community benefit and not sold off solely for profit.

Cllr Cullen 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.

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