

17 May 2023

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Annual Meeting of the Forest of Dean District Council** to be held in the Council Offices, Coleford on **Thursday, 25 May 2023** at **7.00 pm**.

Yours sincerely,



Head of Paid Service

To: Councillors s James Bevan, Adrian Birch, Matt Bishop, Alison Bruce, Philip Burford, Richard Burton, Clayton Williams, Jackie Dale, Clive Elsmore, Jamie Elsmore, Nick Evans, John Francis, Jackie Fraser, Julia Gooch, Tim Gwilliam, Julie Hudson, Harry Ives, Gillian Kilmurray, Johnathan Lane, Beth Llewellyn, Di Martin, Andrew McDermid, Chris McFarling, Andy Moore, Gill Moseley, Bernie O'Neill, Patrick Kyne, Sid Phelps, Simon Phelps, Alan Preest, Trevor Roach, Jacob Sanders, Shaun Stammers, Mark Topping, Dave Tradgett, Mark Turner, David Wheeler and Ian Whitburn

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AGENDA

1. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

To elect the Chair of the Council for the 2023-2024 civic year.

Following the election, the Chair will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and address the Council.

2. VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

To appoint the Vice Chair of the Council for the 2023-2024 civic year.

Following the election, the Vice Chair will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and address the Council.

3. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members and officers are requested to identify the nature of the interest.

5. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 14)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2023.

6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 New Councillors

Following the District Council Elections on 4 May 2023, the Chair to welcome 16 new members of the Council and to welcome back re-elected members.

6.2 Armed Forces Day 2023

The Chair to announce that Armed Forces Day will be on 24 June 2023. The Council will once again be flying the Armed Services Day flag.

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7. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To elect the Leader of the Council.

Note: this appointment is for the four year term of the Council until 2027.

The Leader will represent the Council on the following bodies:

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee
Leadership Gloucestershire
Local Government Association General Assembly
South West Councils
South West Councils Employers' Panel

8. RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive report LD.710 from the Returning Officer, relating to the District Council Elections held on 4 May 2023.

9. POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND FORMATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS (Pages 17 - 20)

The Head of Paid Service to present report LD.711 setting out the notifications received under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

10. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS

10.1 Allocation of seats to political groups and appointments to committees and other council bodies (Pages 21 - 32)

To consider report LD.712 and allocate committee seats to political groups and determine appointments to committees and other council bodies.

Please note that the council may be asked under this item to approve alternative arrangements to strict political proportionality for appointments to committees in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

The Head of Paid Service to convene the first meeting of each committee to elect its Chair and Vice Chair.

10.2 Appointments to community organisations, partnerships and local authority bodies (Pages 33 - 38)

To consider report LD.713 to determine appointments to community organisations, partnerships and local authority bodies.

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11. FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings commence at 7.00pm

Thursday 20 July 2023

Thursday 19 October 2023

Thursday 14 December 2023