



Cllr Dan Poole
District Councillor's Report – May 2026

As I will be attending NFDC Annual Council this evening, I am unable to be with you. I will endeavour to get to your next meeting. Please find the following dates of NFDC Council meetings, in case it helps with your own meeting date setting:

13 Jul 2026 6.30pm
14 Sep 2026 6.30 pm
12 Oct 2026 6.30 pm
14 Dec 2026 6.30 pm
22 Feb 2027 6.30 pm
12 Apr 2027 6.30 pm
17 May 2027 6.30 pm - Annual Council

Since your last meeting, most are now aware that Government chose Option 1A as their LGR preference, which creates two new authorities in the New Forest, detaching the waterside from the rest of the Forest and merging with Southampton and Eastleigh. The remainder of the New Forest will be merging with Test Valley, Winchester and East Hants. The decision to split to Forest has understandably been very badly received and both NFDC and HCC are in the process of seeking to challenge the decision. Both HCC and NFDC will continue until 1 April 2028, when the new authorities are proposed to succeed them.

Phase 3 of the Waste Changes rollout has just begun and, so far, I have not had any complaints. This covers the eastern part of Beaulieu and all of Exbury & Lepe. If residents find they have had their collection missed, they can report it here: [Report a missed collection - New Forest District Council](#) If the problem persists, please get in touch with me and I will take it up with officers directly.

On a brighter note (at least for me!), you may be aware that I have been elected to Hampshire County Council and will also be your County Councillor, replacing Keith Mans. The elections returned a very mixed result, leaving the Council in No Overall Control, but with the Conservatives as the largest party. This Thursday, the Council will meet to elect a Chairman and Leader for the ensuing year. Regardless of the outcome, I will do my best to represent Exbury & Lepe, as I already do as your District Councillor.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist with any matters:

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