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SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 4 January 1999 at 6.30 p.m.

Telephone enquiries to: Lyndhurst (01703) 285000
(Direct Line 285461) Jane Bateman

Persons attending the meeting are reminded that smoking is not allowed

Refreshments will be available in Appletree Pantry at 5.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 1998 as a correct record.

2. **Chairman's Announcements**

3. **Open Debate**

To conduct the open debate session. The topic chosen for this meeting is 'Speed Limits in New Forest Villages'.

4. **Reports of Committees**

Central Services Committee	1 December 1998
Direct Services Contracts Committee	24 November 1998
Environmental Services & Licensing Committee	5 November 1998
Housing Committee	17 November 1998
Leisure Services Committee	10 November 1998
Planning & Transportation Committee	4 November 1998
Policy & Resources Committee	10 December 1998

5. **The Council Tax 1999/2000 Setting the Tax Base (Report A)**

To set the tax base for the Council Tax for 1999/2000.

6. **Questions**

Under Standing Order 9

7. **Review Of Political Representation On Committees**

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review the political representation on Committees under certain circumstances and to determine the allocation to different political groups of seats on Committees.

Councillor Pearce-Smith has resigned from the Liberal Democrat Group and has joined the Independent Group. A review of the political representation on Committees is necessary. The membership of each group represented on the Council is now:-

Liberal Democrat	30
Conservative	23
Independent	5

In order to retain the Liberal Democrat's overall majority on each of the Council's Programme Committees, while ensuring that the total number of seats allocated to each Group accords as closely as possible with their overall representation on the Council, it is necessary for the Conservative Group to surrender one Committee place to the Independent Group. A further consequence of Cllr Pearce-Smith's resignation from the Liberal Democrat Group is that the Programme Committee places formerly occupied by him on the Central Services and the Leisure Services Committees fall to be filled by the Liberal Democrat Group. The nominations of the Liberal Democrat Group will be reported at the meeting.

The Conservative Group has indicated that it is prepared to relinquish a seat on the Direct Services Contracts Committee, previously occupied by the late Cllr Mrs Errington, and to which Cllr Waddington was appointed in error at the last meeting of the Council. As Cllr Waddington is a member of the Environmental Services and Licensing Committee, he is precluded by Standing Orders from serving on the Direct Services Contracts Committee. The Independent Group does not wish to have a seat on Direct Services Contracts Committee and wishes instead to be allocated a second seat on the Leisure Services Committee.

The Council is requested to determine which Committee place should be allocated to the Independent Group.

8. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

DISPOSAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS

Councillors are reminded that they may return Council and Committee papers to this office for disposal. The papers should be handed in to the Main Reception at Appletree Court.

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