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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, 17 December 2001 at 6.30 p.m.

**Telephone enquiries to: Lyndhurst (023) 8028 5000
(Direct Line 8028 5461) Jane Bateman**

A buffet will be available for Members of the Council who have requested it in Appletree Pantry at 5.30 p.m.

**Dave Yates
Chief Executive**

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2001 as a correct record.

2. Chairman's Announcements

3. Reports of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

Cabinet	7 November and 5 December 2001
General Purposes & Licensing Committee	16 November 2001
Leisure Review Panel	16 October 2001
Standards Committee	29 November 2001

4. Questions

Under Standing Order 22.

5. Portfolio Holders' Question Time

To ask questions of portfolio holders.

Members are reminded that this 30 minute question time is being introduced on a trial basis. Members are referred to the separate procedure note on the conduct of the question time circulated with this agenda. Details of questions received in accordance with the procedures will be tabled at the meeting.

6. Notices of Motion

The following notices of motion will be moved under Standing Order 21:

(1) Councillor Ault

"That the appropriate Secretary of State be advised, with a copy to the Prime Minister, that -

At the last Conference of the Local Government Association, delegates from local authorities nationwide expressed grave concern at the extreme costs, excessive bureaucracy and inefficiency of the Best Value system imposed by Government in 1999.

The experience of New Forest District Council is in line with that of other councils and this Council urges the Government to suspend the system whilst detailed review and audit is carried out preparatory to the radical change and simplification of that system, such change to be determined following careful consultation with local authorities involved and with the setting by Government of realistic and measurable target levels for achievement."

This Notice of Motion is also supported by Councillors Bright, Burdle, Frampton, Scott and Tipp.

(2) Councillor Hayes

"The District Council calls on the Government to hold a statutory Public Inquiry into the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. The inquiry should be set up and held as soon as possible. It should be concluded within one year and make recommendations to prevent a reoccurrence. It should have powers to insist on the appearance of witnesses and the production of all relevant papers. The District Council also seeks the support of all Local Authorities for this motion."

7. By-Election for the Becton Ward of New Forest District Council - 22 November 2001 (Report A)

To receive the report of the Returning Officer on the by-election for the Becton Ward of New Forest District Council on 22 November 2001.

8. Appointment of Members to Standards Committee

To appoint four members to serve on the re-constituted Standards Committee, with effect from 18 December 2001, until the next ordinary election of Councillors in 2003.

The Council is reminded that it has been agreed that the four District Council places on the Standards Committee will be allocated as follows:

Conservative Group	2 places
Liberal Democrat Group	1 place
Independent Group	1 place

The Independent Group has nominated Councillor Spikins. The nominations of the other political groups will be reported at the meeting.

9. Changes to Membership of Committees and Panels

To consider changes to the membership of Committees and Panels to be reported by the Conservative Group.

10. Meeting Dates For the 2002/2003 Municipal Year

The Council is asked to agree the dates of its meetings for the 2002/2003 Municipal Year. Once this has been done, the Cabinet, Regulatory Committees and Panels will be asked to consider their meeting dates for 2002/2003 during the January 2002 cycle of meetings.

It is recommended that Council meetings are held on the following Mondays, at 6.30 p.m.

13 May 2002 (Annual Meeting 2002 – already agreed)

22 July 2002 (note: this is not the week of the New Forest Show, which commences 30 July 2002)

14 October 2002

16 December 2002

24 February 2003

28 April 2003

19 May 2003 (first Annual Meeting following the 2003 quadrennial elections).

It is appreciated that the proposed 28 April 2003 meeting is only a few days before the quadrennial elections of 1 May 2003. However, a full Council meeting at about this time is essential to complete the decision making processes of the Council's four year term. This will include consideration of any recommendations made by Cabinet, which it is proposed should also meet in late April 2003 as a meeting will not be possible between 1 and 19 May. 21 April 2003 is not a suitable alternative, as Easter Bank Holiday Monday falls on that date.

11. 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.