

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, 15 December 2003 at 6.30 p.m.

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*A festive buffet will be available for all members of the Council
in Appletree Pantry at 5.30 p.m.*



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Chief Executive

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2003 as a correct record.

2. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Report's of Cabinet

Cabinet – 5 and 13 November 2003 and 3 December 2003

5. Appointments to Review Panels

To appoint Cllr Penwarden to the Crime and Disorder Review Panel in place of Cllr Beck

To appoint Cllr Cleary to the Leisure Review Panel in place of Cllr Beck

6. Questions

Under Standing Order 22.

7. Portfolio Holders' Question Time

To ask questions of Portfolio Holders. Questions received will be tabled at the meeting. (Members are reminded that questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive or to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by not later than noon on Friday, 12 December 2003.)

8. Council Tax Base (Local Government Act 2003 Section 84) and Second Homes and Long Term Empty Property Homes (Section 11A Local Government Act 1992 inserted by Section 75 of the Local Government Act 2003)

The Council at their meeting in December would usually be asked to approve the Council Tax base for the following financial year. The Local Government and Finance Act 1992 has been amended. The period in which the tax base must now be set has been changed to run from 20 December 2003 to 31 January 2004 for 2004/2005 only, because the power to make determination under Section 11A was not available earlier. The normal 1 December to 31 January period will apply in subsequent years.

In addition, a new power for billing authorities to change the discount on second homes and long term empty property will be available from 18 December 2003 when the necessary regulations defining the prescribed classes come into force.

It is therefore recommended:

That a special meeting of the Council be agreed to take place on Monday 26 January 2004 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the issues detailed.

9. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

(DEMOCRAT/CL151203/AGENDA)