

9th December, 2008

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

A MEETING OF KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held in the Council Chamber, Browfort, Devizes at 2.15pm on **Tuesday 16th December 2008**, to which all Members are summoned to attend for the transaction of the business specified in the agenda below.

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Head of Democratic Services

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To: All Members of Kennet District Council

AGENDA

All enquiries on this agenda should be directed to
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THE MEETING WILL OPEN WITH A PRAYER

Part 1

Items to be considered whilst the meeting is open to the public

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st October, 2008 copy attached for Members and Officers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the Kennet Code of Conduct.

If in doubt, Members are asked to seek advice from the Chief Executive, Head of Legal Services or the Head of Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

5. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule no. 9. to deal with any relevant questions from members of the public.

Anyone wishing to ask a question should contact Democratic Services, Tel: 01380 724911. Advice to the public and a leaflet about the scheme is available from the Democratic Services Section.

6. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

To receive the minutes, including any recommendations, of the meetings of the following Committees (copies attached for Members and Officers) and to take such action and make decisions as may be required arising therefrom.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting date</u>
Community Development Executive	18 th November 2008
Regulatory	30 th October 2008 and 20 th November 2008.
Resources Executive	25 th November 2008
Human Resources	13 th November 2008
Overview & Scrutiny Management Board	2 nd December 2008

7. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WILTSHIRE: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Final Recommendations of the Boundary Committee for England on the New Electoral Arrangements for Wiltshire Council have now been received.

There are very few matters in the Kennet area that have been changed since the report published in July 2008 was put out to consultation. These changes affect Erlestoke as far as Wiltshire Council is concerned with the other changes affecting the town councils of Devizes and Marlborough.

Erlestoke

The original submission was amended by the Boundary Committee to include Erlestoke parish within the Westbury White Horse division in order to improve electoral equality.

However, during the consultation period residents of Erlestoke and Erlestoke and Edington parish councils convinced the Committee that Erlesoke's community identity lay more in the direction of the Lavingtons and Cheverells areas. As a result the Committee's final recommendation is to place Erlestoke within the Lavingtons and Erlestoke division as originally proposed by Wiltshire County Council.

Devizes Town Council

The number of councillors for Devizes remains the same but the final recommendations have varied the representation for the three town wards giving the following:

Devizes East – six members (presently seven members)
Devizes North – six members (presently five members)
Devizes South - five members (presently five members)

Marlborough Town Council

The number of wards and councillors remains the same with a slight change in ward boundaries so that the boundary between Marlborough East and West is formed by the A346 road.

The Boundary Committee for England has now completed its statutory role in respect of this review and has passed the recommendations to the Electoral Commission to make the formal Order implementing the proposals. Normally the Order would be made before 26th December 2008 but in view of the public holiday period this date has been extended until 9th January 2009.

RECOMMENDED that the position be noted.

Note:

1. Copies of the relevant maps will be displayed at the Council meeting.
2. A number of copies of the full report are available from the Democratic Services section.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER