

15th February 2005

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

A MEETING OF KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held in the Council Chamber, Browfort, Devizes at 2.15pm on **Tuesday 22nd February 2005, 2004** to which all Members are summoned to attend for the transaction of the business specified in the agenda below.

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Solicitor to the Council

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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 14th December 2004, 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, Solicitor to the Council or the Democratic Services Team Leader 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 Mr S Giles, 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 January 2005
Planning Policies Executive	17 th December 2004 and 20 th January 2005
Joint Executive Committees (the recommendation in minute no 4 will be taken with agenda item no. 7 following	1 st February 2005
Resources Executive	1 st February 2005
Overview & Scrutiny Management Board	8 th February 2005
Regulatory	16 th December and 21 st December 2004 (site meeting), 6 th January, 17 th January (site meeting),

27th January and 7th February
(site meeting) 2005

Human Resources

3rd February 2005

7. COUNCIL TAX 2005-6

To set the Council Tax, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for the Kennet District for the financial year 2005-6 having regard to the recommendations set out in minute no. 4 of the minutes of the Joint Executive Committees held on 1st February 2005.

The draft proposed recommendations are set out in the Appendix to this agenda (page nos. 7 - 15) and will be moved by the Leader of the Council.

Background papers – none

8. APPOINTMENT OF WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON CUSTOMER FIRST MANAGEMENT BOARD

To consider the report of the Director of Resources, copy attached (pages 16 - 44).

Background papers – none.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule no. 11, Councillor A S Wood, supported by Councillor A H Still, has submitted the following Notice of Motion:-

THAT: - “in the event that the South West Regional Assembly is wound up this Council will not accept any responsibility for the pension rights of the Board and its employees, and that the Chief Executive of the South West Regional Assembly be so advised”.

Background papers – none

Note:- in accordance with Council Procedure Rule no. 11, once moved and seconded, the matter will automatically stand referred to the Resources Executive Committee for consideration and report.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule no. 11, Councillor Mrs M S N Taylor, supported by Councillor Mrs K Callow, has submitted the following Notice of Motion:-

THAT: - “ In order to give more opportunity to younger and working residents to stand for Kennet District Council Elections we propose that meetings of Kennet should be held in the evenings”.

Background papers – none

Note:- in accordance with Council Procedure Rule no. 11, once moved and seconded, the matter will automatically stand referred to the Resources Executive Committee for consideration and report.

11. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

To appoint a Special Selection Committee to make recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 10th May about:-

1. the annual review of political balance ; and
2. representatives on outside bodies.

The size of the Committee is suggested at 8 Members, in which case the political balance would be: - Conservative & Independent 5, Independent 2 and Liberal Democrat 1.

This Special Committee will meet on 12th April, 2005 at 2.15pm.

Background papers – none

12. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

During recent weeks there have been two resignations from the Standards Committee.

Gp. Capt (Retd) R P Brownlow has resigned as one of the Town/Parish Members and Miss S Sample has resigned as an Independent Member. These two members were the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee respectively.

The process to attract new applicants has been commenced but arrangements need to be put in place for making the appointments.

Power to make the appointments lies with the full Council but to make the process more manageable it is suggested that a small panel of five Members should be set up to interview applicants and make the appointments.

RECOMMENDED:

1. that a panel of five Members, politically balanced (consisting of three Conservatives & Independent Members, one Independent

Member and one Liberal Democrat Member) be set up with full delegated powers to make the replacement appointments to the Standards Committee; and

2. that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to draw up a shortlist of applicants for each vacancy in order to ensure that applicants come within the statutory criteria.

Background papers - none

13. THE PROVISION OF POLLING PLACES IN THE DISTRICT OF KENNET

To consider a report by the Chief Executive and Returning Officer, copy attached (pages 45 - 49).

Background papers – none

14. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with the Council's selection procedure to select a Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2005/6 for nomination for election at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 10th May 2005.

Council Procedure Rule no. 18 sets out the selection procedure, including that there shall be a secret ballot if there is more than one nomination.

Background papers – none.

15. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with the Council's selection procedure to select a Vice-Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2005/6 for nomination for election at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 10th May 2005.

Council Procedure Rule no. 18 sets out the selection procedure, including that there shall be a secret ballot if there is more than one nomination.

Background papers – none.

PART 2

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded due to the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

None

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER