

20th February 2007

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

A MEETING OF KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held in the Council Chamber, Browfort, Devizes at 2.15pm on **Tuesday 27th February 2007**, to which all Members are summoned to attend for the transaction of the business specified in the agenda below.

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To: All Members of Kennet District Council

AGENDA

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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 19th December 2006, 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 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	16 th January 2007
Planning Policies Executive	1 st February 2007
Joint Executive Committees (the recommendation in minute no 3 will be taken with agenda item no. 9 following)	1 st February 2007
Resources Executive	6 th February 2007
Regulatory	4 th January 2007 and 25 th January 2007

Human Resources

8th February 2007

Overview & Scrutiny
Management Board

13th February 2007

7. NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 11, Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe, supported by Councillor G Brewer, has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“That Kennet District Council

(i) notes that

- University College London research predicts that one-person household numbers are rising and are likely to reach 38% of all households by 2026.
- One-person households are the biggest consumers of land and household goods per capita consuming 38% more products, 42% more packaging, 55% more electricity and 61% more gas per capita than four-person households.
- One solution to this that has been developed elsewhere is the use of co-housing schemes, where people live together in a more communal lifestyle, sharing facilities between them.

(ii) supports measures across the Council to address this predicted change in housing demand/preference in a sustainable manner by asking officers to investigate:

- the promotion of permissive policies for co-housing in the emerging local development framework and future housing policy documents
- if co-housing can fall within the Government’s definition of affordable ‘intermediate’ housing for the purposes of forward planning and development control.
- If so, the possibility of permitting co-housing on affordable ‘exception sites’ and/or as part of a developer’s affordable housing contribution on windfall or allocated sites.

Note:- In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 11, once moved and seconded, the matter will automatically stand referred to Community Development Executive Committee for consideration and report unless the Chairman of Council decides that the matter should be dealt with at this meeting.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE THE OFFICE NUMBER 11

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor J Ody, supported by Councillor T Duck has submitted the following Notice of Motion :

“ That Kennet District Council :

(i) notes that :

- the Regional Spatial Strategy is likely to generate fresh demands for housing allocations in Kennet
- these allocations are likely to impact mainly on Devizes
- at the meeting of the Planning Policy Executive Committee of 7 December 2006 it was emphasised that the Devizes infrastructure capacity is considered to be overloaded and incapable of accommodating further significant growth
- one policy could be to take the initiative with Region, and make the strong case that Kennet may want to make a fresh start with a purpose designed growth centre around Tidworth/Ludgershall, to which all possible housing and employment allocations would be orientated

(ii) supports measures to address this predicted imbalance in housing allocations within the District in a sustainable manner by asking officers to explore an option within the Core Strategy, which explicitly shifts the main thrust of future housing development towards Tidworth/Ludgershall area, and which would thereby :

- give the Council the advantage of a dramatically positive policy
- offer the chance of a deliberately planned community instead of making do with inadequate sites
- make use of relatively easily developed land forms
- compensate for our unique lack of an identified Strategically Significant Town or City (SSCT)
- facilitate a social and financial accommodation with MOD
- offer superior access to the national trunk road network via the A303 and A34, plus the A338 Primary Route
- link into the local economies of Andover and Salisbury
- potentially exploit the military rail link, which has retained its alignment :
and
- have the potential to give the Council a positive image in the community “

Note : In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 11, once moved and seconded, the matter will automatically stand referred to Planning Policy Executive Committee for consideration and report unless the Chairman decides that the matter should be dealt with at this meeting.

9. COUNCIL TAX 2007-2008

To set the Council Tax, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for the Kennet District for the financial year 2007-2008 having regard to the recommendations set out in minute no. 3 of the minutes of the Joint Executive Committees held on 1st February 2007.

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

Background papers – none

10. 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 2007-2008 for nomination for election at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 15th May 2007.

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.

11. 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 2007-2008 for nomination for election at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 15th May 2007.

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.

12. COUNCIL WIDE WORK PLAN 2007/2008

To consider the report of the Director of Resources on the Council Wide Work Plan for 2007/2008. Copy attached. (Pages 16 to 24)

Background papers - none

13. WILTSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

To consider the report of the Director of Community Services on Wiltshire's Local Area Agreement. Copy attached. (Pages 25 to 28)

A copy of the second draft of the Wiltshire Local Area Agreement is circulated as a separate document with this agenda.

Background papers - none

PART 2

**Item to be considered whilst the meeting is closed to the public
NONE**

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER