

29th May 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, next 5th June, 2007** to which all Members are summoned to attend for the transaction of the business specified in the agenda below.

Head of Legal Services

To: All Members of Kennet District Council

A G E N D A

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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

The Chairman to sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2007 as a correct record, copy herewith.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor(s) and/or any officer(s) 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 under the Council's new Code of Conduct.

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

5. SPECIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE – 22nd MAY 2007

To consider the following recommendations from the minutes of the meeting of the Special Selection Committee held on 22nd May 2007:-

1. Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Annual Review of Political Balance

THAT the allocation of seats on the Council's Committees for 2007/2008 be as set out in Appendix 1 (attached page 5).

2. Representatives on Outside Bodies 2007/2008

THAT the list of representatives to serve on outside bodies for 2007/2008 be as set out as in Appendix 2 (attached pages 6 and 7).

Background Papers -

Minutes of Selection Committee – 22nd May 2007

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

To elect the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each of the following Committees of the Council:-

- 1) Community Development Executive Committee
- 2) Resources Executive Committee
- 3) Planning Policies Executive Committee
- 4) Regulatory Committee
- 5) Human Resources Committee
- 6) Licensing Committee

Background papers - none

Notes:-

(a) Council Procedure Rule no. 1.03 provides as follows:-

- (1) The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Council's Executive, Regulatory and Human Resources Committees shall be elected by the Council in accordance with the provisions set out in clauses (2), (3) and (4) below.
- (2) Nominations for the election of a Chairman or a Vice-Chairman of a Committee shall be made orally.
- (3) Any Councillor so nominated, having been seconded, shall be required to state whether or not he/she is prepared to accept nomination for election. The Solicitor to the Council or his/her representative shall then record the nominations and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees will

be elected by means of secret ballots, for which ballot papers will be provided.

- (4) (i) If only one Member is nominated and seconded, the person presiding shall declare him/her elected Chairman/Vice-Chairman;
- (ii) If two Members are nominated the Member receiving the vote of the majority of those present and voting in the secret ballot shall be declared elected.
- (iii) If more than two Members are nominated and no candidate receives an overall majority of the votes cast, the Member with the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated. Further ballots will be held until such time as one Member receives an overall majority of votes cast.
- (iv) In the event of an equality of votes cast in any of the ballots, the person presiding shall give a casting vote.
- (v) Should there be more than two Members with an equal number of votes, the person presiding shall give a casting vote to each of such Members except one.

(b) Council Procedure Rule 1.04 provides for a Limitation on Chairmanships and Vice-Chairmanships as follows:-

A Member who holds the Chairmanship of any of the under-mentioned bodies cannot hold Chairmanship or Vice Chairmanship of any of the other under-mentioned bodies, and vice-versa.

- Council
- Human Resources Committee
- Regulatory Committee
- Resources Executive Committee
- Community Development Executive Committee
- Planning Policies Executive Committee
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

7. APPOINTMENT OF KENNET MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Council is required to appoint three Members of the Council to the Kennet Standards Committee, to join the existing two Independent (i.e. outside) and two Town/Parish Members.

It has previously been decided that the formal political balance rules (i.e. proportionality) will not apply to membership of the Standards Committee due to the nature of its work.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT

- 1) The Council appoints three members to serve on the Standards Committee. (Councillor Mrs S M Findlay has indicated she is willing to continue).
- 2) The existing Parish/Independent members namely Councillor P Deck, Mr A StG Savill and Mr P Lefever be re-appointed to the Standards Committee for a further three years.

(Note: There is one parish councillor vacancy which will be advertised to parishes when they have completed their annual meetings etc.)

8. NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

To consider the report of the Head of Legal Services on the new Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority members. Copy attached (pages 8 to 18).

9. TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To consider the creation of a new executive committee entitled the Partnership Development Executive Committee to deal with all aspects of the Council's relationship with other councils in Wiltshire.

It is suggested that this committee should consist of eight members which would allow six members from the Conservative Group and two from the Independent Group.

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