

11th December, 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 18th December 2007**, 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 Legal 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 23rd October 2007, 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	13 th November 2007
Resources Executive	27 th November 2007
Regulatory	18 th October 2007, 8 th November 2007, 29 th November 2007,
Human Resources	22 nd November 2007
Overview & Scrutiny Management Board	23 rd October 2007 and 4 th December 2007
Partnership Development Executive	16 th October 2007

7. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2008/2009

To consider report HOF/1202/2007 by the Head of Financial Services on the Council Tax base for 2008/2009. Copy attached.(pages 5 to 10)

Background papers – none

8. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

To receive the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on members' allowances. Copy attached (pages 11 to 21)

Subsequent to the meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel the governance arrangements for the Implementation Executive charged with the implementation of the new Wiltshire Council have been decided.

Kennet is to have two representatives on the executive, the Leader and Deputy Leader, and they are to be shadowed by a further two elected members who would need to commit as much time as the two principals.

The work involved with this will be quite onerous, both in terms of attendance at meetings and the amount of reading to be done.

In this situation the granting of a special responsibility allowance for the four Kennet members involved would be appropriate.

It will be for Councillors to formulate proposals in this respect, but using the Independent Remuneration Panel's "hourly rates" as a guide, a sum of £2,300 would be appropriate.

Background papers – none

9. BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REVIEW CONSEQUENT UPON THE MOVE TOWARDS A UNITARY AUTHORITY

To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the review of boundaries and electoral arrangements for the unitary council. Copy attached. (page 22)

Background papers - none

10. STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING ARRANGEMENTS – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the consultation in respect of the statutory review of polling arrangements. Copy attached (pages 23 to 29)

Background papers - none

PART 2

Items to be considered whilst the meeting is closed to the public
None

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER