KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held in the Council Chamber, Browfort, Devizes on Tuesday 1st February 2005 at 2.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillor D J Wilmott – Chairman

Councillor Mrs K Callow
Councillor D Campbell
Councillor Mrs T M Carr
Councillor Mrs J K Combe
Councillor Mrs R S E Cummins
Councillor P W Richardson

APOLOGY:

Councillor B J Twigger

PART 1 Conducted whilst the public were entitled to be present

40. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

41. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 16th November 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

43. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

The Committee considered a draft programme of meetings for 2005/2006.

RESOLVED

THAT the programme of meetings be approved.

44. REBUILDING AND LEASING OF THE REGISTER OFFICE IN THE GROUNDS OF BROWFORT

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Community

Services on the rebuilding and leasing of the Register Office in the grounds of Browfort.

Members were reminded that the Register Officer was damaged by a falling tree early in 2004, and due to the dangerous condition of the building, the majority of it was demolished shortly thereafter.

The Council's Insurers had agreed to pay for a "like for like" structure to replace it, but Wiltshire County Council as occupiers of the building and administrators of the Registration Service, indicated that they had a number of concerns about the original structure and layout, and in particular wanted to improve facilities for the disabled and visiting members of the public and provide toilets for use of wedding guests.

A mutually acceptable design had now been agreed but the cost was in the region of £35,000 more than the insurance sum.

Wiltshire County Council had agreed to pay the extra cost of reconstruction over and above the insurance claim.

RESOLVED

THAT:

- (1) Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Council's Property Advisor, to agree for construction to commence on the replacement Register Officer to a design which differed from the original structure.
- (2) Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Resources and the Council's Property Advisors, to agree a 12-year lease for the rebuilt structure.

45. BUDGET REDUCTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Director of Resources gave a short oral report of the findings of the Budget Reduction Sub-Committee, the conclusions of which had been considered in the morning by the joint meeting of the three Executive Committees.

The Director outlined the options that had been placed before the Committee in the morning and indicated that it was clear that it would be necessary to have further meetings of a Budget Reduction Sub-Committee in the new year to consider the budget for 2006/2007. The minutes of the final meeting of the Budget Reduction Sub-Committee would be circulated in due course.

RESOLVED

THAT:

- (1) The position be noted.
- (2) That a new Budget Reduction Sub-Committee be appointed as soon as possible in the new municipal year.

46. URGENT ACTION BETWEEN MEETINGS

There was none to report.

PART 2 Items considered whilst the meeting was closed to the public

None

Chairman 15th March 2005