

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Executive Committee held in the Council Chamber, Browfort, Devizes on 21st March 2006 at 2.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillor L H Grundy - Chairman

Councillor P A Brown	Councillor J J Kunkler
Councillor Mrs K Callow	Councillor A Molland
Councillor Mrs T M Carr	Councillor P W Richardson
Councillor Mrs R S E Cummins	Councillor P N Veasey
Councillor A P J Duck	Councillor D J Willmott
Councillor Mrs J M Giles	

PART 1

Items considered whilst the public were entitled to be present

12. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions had been received for response at the meeting.

13. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7th February 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

15. URGENT ACTION BETWEEN MEETINGS

There was none.

16. PERFORMANCE TARGETS 2006-2009

The Policy Manager introduced the report detailing the performance targets and answered questions from Members with regard to figures in the appendix. Following consideration it was

RESOLVED

THAT the performance targets for 2006/07 to 2008/09 be adopted subject to any last minute amendments in the publication of the Best Value Performance Plan.

17. INTERNAL AUDIT 2005-2006

The Chief Accountant & Auditor informed the Committee what activities the Internal Audit Section had undertaken and provided an update of work performed by the team. She answered questions from Members accordingly. Following deliberation it was

RESOLVED

THAT the contents of the report and associated appendices be noted.

18. RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE & STRATEGY

The Chief Accountant & Auditor talked the Committee through her report and gave a summary of key actions taken. Several questions were answered and following a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED THAT

1. The Risk Management work undertaken by Kennet District Council and the Risk Management Group be noted.
2. The Risk Management Strategy detailed in Appendix B of the Officer's report be noted and approved.

19. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT & ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Chief Accountant & Auditor detailed the proposals in her report and answered questions from the Committee. Following consideration it was

RESOLVED THAT

1. The revised Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management Practices be adopted.
2. The Annual Investment Strategy for 2006/07 be adopted.

20. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The Chief Accountant & Auditor introduced her report and suggested an additional resolution for the Committee to consider. After question and a debate it was

RESOLVED THAT

1. The Statement of Internal Control be approved for signing by the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council for subsequent inclusion in the Statement of Accounts for 2005/06.

2. The Action Plan prepared to address the areas for improvement identified in Appendix C to the report be approved.
3. Delegated authority be given to the Chief Accountant & Auditor (in consultation with the Financial Services Manager) to make minor amendments to the Statement of Internal Control as necessary (prior to publication with the Statement of Accounts for 2005/06).

21. DEVIZES LEISURE CENTRE – SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL BID

The Engineering & Design Manager gave the Committee an oral presentation that illustrated the need for a lightning conductor and associated works at Devizes Leisure Centre. Following several questions from the Committee it was

RESOLVED

THAT Provision be made to protect Devizes Leisure Centre against lightning at an estimated cost of £30,000 plus £500 per year maintenance.

22. INDEMNITIES FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The Financial Services Manager informed the Committee that it was in the interests of Members and Officers alike to be covered by indemnity for certain actions, inactions, decisions and council-related duties (such as decisions made as members of outside bodies). Members were informed that although it would be unlawful for the authority to have a blanket indemnity policy it would be prudent to have a policy indicating the circumstances where an indemnity would or would not be considered. A Group Legal Protection Policy was recommended in order to cover a Member's legal expenses arising from a written allegation that the insured person had failed or may have failed to comply with the Code of Conduct of the insured.

RECOMMENDED THAT

1. The draft indemnity policy set out in Appendix A to the report be referred to Full Council for adoption with the informative that the Standards Board also recommend the adoption of the policy.
2. Group Legal Protection insurance is procured specifically for Members as set out in Appendix B to the report at a total cost of £1330.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 100(A)(4)

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of The Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART 2

Items considered whilst the meeting was closed to the public

23. NORTHGATE (i)

The Director of Community Services explained the purpose of the report to the Committee and answered several questions from Members. Following consideration it was

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations in the report be approved.

24. NORTHGATE (ii)

The Director of Community Services explained the purpose of the report to the Committee and answered several questions from Members. Following consideration it was

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations in the report be approved.