

KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
to be held on Friday 30th June 2006

Report by Janet Ditte, Chief Accountant & Auditor

REVISED CAPITAL STRATEGY 2006-07

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Members with a revised Capital Strategy for the Council and to seek approval of the document.

2. Financial and Staffing Implications

There are no direct financial or staffing implications for the Capital Strategy. However, the strategy does outline the way in which the Authority proposes to manage and monitor its capital expenditure, and is therefore integral to the proper financial management of the Council's resources.

3. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4. Risk Implications

There are potentially significant financial risks associated with the Council's capital expenditure. One of the main purposes of having a Capital Strategy, which is revised and approved regularly, is to ensure that the Council manages its capital finances and resources properly, thus mitigating these risks.

5. Introduction

The Council was first required to produce a Capital Strategy in 2002 and to formally submit it to the Government Office for assessment. Those authorities that received a score of GOOD, were not required to formally submit a Capital Strategy again, although it was considered to be good practice to regularly review the document. Kennet received a GOOD score and since then has periodically reviewed its Capital Strategy.

It is now a requirement of the Use of Resources assessment that the Authority has a Capital Strategy that is regularly reviewed.

6. Capital Strategy

The existing Capital Strategy, which was last reviewed in January 2004, has been reviewed for the period 2006/07, and is attached with this report. The document is largely unchanged, but has been revised to reflect up to date examples and partnership arrangements etc.

7. Recommendations

It is **RECOMMENDED THAT**:

1. Members approve the Capital Strategy 2006-07 presented with this report.