

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL  
RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Executive Committee held in the  
Council Chamber, Browfort, Devizes on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 2.15 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor L H Grundy - Chairman

Councillor J A Booth	Councillor Mrs J M Giles
Councillor Mrs K Callow	Councillor J J Kunkler
Councillor Mrs R S E Cummins	Councillor A Molland
Councillor A P J Duck	Councillor D J Willmott

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Mrs T M Carr	Councillor P W Richardson
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**PART 1**

**Items considered whilst the public were entitled to be present**

**7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions had been received for response at the meeting.

**8. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**9. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**10. URGENT ITEM**

Under the provisions of section 100B(4)b of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed to take the following item as an urgent item for consideration by the Committee, because a schedule of fees and charges would be needed in advance of receipt of any licensing applications relating to the Gambling Act 2005.

**11. THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – PREMISES LICENSE FEES**

The Senior Environmental Health Officer explained the purpose of the report to the Committee and answered questions arising thereof. Members learnt that the report was a reactive measure in lieu of the recent publication of The Gambling (Premises Licensing Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 which stipulate the maximum

fees and charges that can be levied by the Council in undertaking its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. Following consideration it was

**RECOMMENDED**

**THAT** the Council adopt the level of fees and charges for undertaking functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

**12. PERFORMANCE TARGET SETTING 2007-10**

The Committee considered the report from the Corporate Services Manger who sought adoption of the performance targets for the 2007-2010 period. After answering questions from Members it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Performance Targets for 2007/08 - 2009/2010 be adopted subject to any last-minute amendments in the publication of the Best Value Performance Plan.

**13. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2006-07**

The Chief Accountant & Auditor introduced her report and explained that it had been produced at the request of the Corporate Finance Scrutiny Sub-Committee, and explained that an annual review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit systems was a requirement of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006. After consideration it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT**

- i. The contents of the report and its appendices be noted.
- ii. The requirement to review the Council's existing Internal Audit arrangements against the new CIPFA code of practice for Internal Audit in Local Government 2006, be included as a required action in the Statement of Internal Control for 2006/07.

**14. RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2007-08**

The Chief Accountant & Auditor explained the purpose of her report, the workings of the Risk Management Group, and the relationship between risk management and internal control. After a question and answer session it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the content of the report and its appendices be noted.

**15. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Chief Accountant & Auditor reminded Members of the requirement to publish an annual Statement of Internal Control as part of the Council's financial statements. Members discussed the report and questioned the Chief Accountant & Auditor regarding the appendices to the report. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT**

- i. The Statement of Internal Control be approved for signing by both the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, and for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts 2006-07.
- ii. The action plan prepared to address the areas for improvement be approved.
- iii. That the Chief Accountant & Auditor be given delegated authority (in consultation with the Finance Services Manager), to make minor amendments to the Statement of Internal Control, (where necessary) prior to publication of the document in the Statement of Accounts in June 2007.

**16. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT & ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2007-0 8**

A report presenting the proposed Treasury Management Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2007-08 was presented to the Committee by the Chief Accountant & Auditor, who detailed the history of the document and associated legal implications. Following consideration it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT**

- i. The revised Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management Practices be adopted (as amended).
- ii. That the Annual Investment Strategy for 2007-08 be adopted.

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 100(A)(3)**

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(3) 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 2 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Act.

**PART 2**

**Items considered whilst the meeting was closed to the public**

**17. DEVIZES WHARF**

The Director of Community Services presented his report to Members and answered questions arising thereof. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the recommendations contained within the report be approved.