

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the Council for the District of Dover held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday 3 March 2010 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor B W Butcher

Councillors:

B W Bano	T J Bartlett	T A Bond
S S Chandler	N J Collor	M D Conolly
G Cowan	M R Eddy	C M Edwards
A Friend	M S Furnival	J H Goodwin
P G Heath	G J Hood	L A Keen
N S Kenton	C J Kirby	P S Le Chevalier
S M Le Chevalier	S G Leith	P A Lodge
S C Manion	D A Mayes	K Mills
J M Munt	V J Revell	A F Richardson
C Rook	J A Rook	F J W Scales
A R Smith	C J Smith	J M Smith
R J Thompson	R S Walkden	I H Ward
P A Watkins		

Officers: Chief Executive
Head of Finance and ICT
Head of Governance
Head of Housing, Culture and Community Safety
Head of Regeneration
Regeneration Manager
Senior Democratic Support Officer
Democratic Support Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Frayne, S R Nicholas, C J Meredith, J C Record, D G Smallwood and J F Tranter.

449 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 27 January and 24 February 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

450 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- (a) An Extraordinary Meeting of Council was proposed for 19 May 2010 to follow the Annual Meeting of Council.
- (b) In view of the amount of business to be conducted during the meeting an amended order of business was provided which would be implemented should it appear likely that items would be outstanding at 10.00 pm.

The Chief Executive stated that ASDA Stores Limited had announced its withdrawal from the Dover Town Investment Scheme.

451 LEADER'S TIME

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Watkins, included the following matters in his report:

- (a) Continuation of shared services had been discussed at an East Kent Leaders' and Chief Executives' meeting that day.
- (b) Meetings had been held with the Homes and Communities Agency under the Single Conversation process in respect of housing allocation in East Kent.
- (c) Total Place government initiative for aggregating public services which was supported by KCC and other public service agencies in Kent, would be a long-term and difficult process.
- (d) A meeting of Kent Partnership Board had discussed regeneration and environmental strategies; the new Housing Revenue Group fitted with the Regeneration Board and the Environment Board to provide a total economic assessment for Kent.
- (e) Ongoing discussions with Dover Harbour Board in respect of the Harbour Revision Order consultation period and afterwards.
- (f) The Federation of Small Businesses.
- (g) A meeting of the Kent Migration Group, its youth integration project; the multi-language portal now being available for immigrants.
- (h) Ongoing issues with unaccompanied migrant minors who lost KCC funding and support once they reached the age of 18.
- (i) A meeting with Sandwich Town Council regarding services.
- (j) Meeting of the Kent Leaders' Group to discuss the effects of recent bad weather on public services and lessons to be learned.

The Majority Opposition Group Leader, Councillor B W Bano, responded by referring to:

- (a) The major shock of ASDA's withdrawal and the need for detailed information on the implications.
- (b) Lack of accountability and decision making, particularly with regard to the closure of public toilets.
- (c) The worsening financial situation not being fully addressed at meetings of the Cabinet or Council or on the Council's intranet.

In the absence of the Minority Opposition Group Leader, Councillor P A Lodge, responded by making reference to:

- (a) The loss of ASDA adding to the earlier closure of the Churchill Hotel.
- (b) Aspirations for the future appearance of Dover from the A20 access.

The Leader of the Council replied to questions raised by the Opposition Group Leaders' reports with the following:

- (a) ASDA had been granted full planning permission with a S106 agreement but had subsequently proposed a downgrading of the design, which was not acceptable to the Council. Car parking issues had also arisen. The arrival of a Morrison's store in Dover had possibly contributed to ASDA's withdrawal.
- (b) The presence of another potential development partner
- (c) All Members received detailed monthly budget monitoring statements showing trends, underlying reasons, and actions taken.

452 SEAT ALLOCATIONS AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS

No changes were made to the existing allocations and appointments.

453 QUESTION FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Rule 11 of the Council Procedure Rules the Leader of the Council responded to the following question from Mr R V Hansell:

The potential merger of Housing services of Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet is a major step towards a Unitary Council in East Kent. It is a mini Unitary Council. The savings of this action is £1,500,000 pounds. Recently 44 District and County Councils in seven counties were merged resulting in nine Unitary Councils with a potential saving of £100 million pounds. The merger of our four District Councils of East Kent into one Council will result in one Chief Executive instead of four, approximately 50 Councillors instead of 196, one Leader of the Council instead of four, one Cabinet instead of four, one Planning Department etc, etc. instead of four and other economies of scale throughout the four Councils. The savings are enormous. The changes would result in simpler access for people, stronger lobbying powers for a larger Council and better value for money through economies of scale. A Unitary Council would be a completely new Council and would replace both District and County Councils. Kent County Council is too big, Dover and other East Kent District Councils are short of finance and too small to be effective. Unitary Councils serve 60% of England. All councils in Scotland and Wales are Unitary Councils. The financial position of all four District Councils is parlous. Why does this Council not evaluate the savings available in a Unitary Council in East Kent? When can the people of Dover expect a transition to a Unitary Council of East Kent?

454 EAST KENT SHARED HOUSING LANDLORD SERVICES PROJECT (Minute No 438)

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 the meeting of Council held on 27 February 2010 had adjourned consideration of the report of the Head of Housing, Culture and Community Safety due to the hour of 10.00 pm having been reached. The report contained the recommendations of the East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee (EKJAC).

Members also considered Cabinet decision CAB 103 and the recommendation of the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee (Minute No 446).

It was moved by Councillor S S Chandler duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That the East Kent District Councils of Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, the District Council of Shepway and Thanet District Council ('the East Kent Authorities') are recommended to merge the delivery of housing management landlord service between two or more of them through agreement of the following:

- (a) The arms length housing shared service option be confirmed as the preferred method for sharing landlord services in East Kent subject to final agreement by each individual council following the undertaking of appropriate consultation with tenants to satisfy the requirements of Section 27 of the Housing Act 1985.
- (b) Any vacancies related to the housing management activities to be undertaken by the Housing Shared Service Vehicle be managed to minimise potential severance costs.
- (c) That the housing management functions set out in Annex A: Annex 2 are approved activities to be undertaken by the Housing Shared Service Vehicle.
- (d) The Housing Shared Service Vehicle is set up as a company limited by guarantee.
- (e) The board of the company will comprise twelve people – four elected members nominated by the local authority, four independents and four tenant/leaseholder representatives.
- (f) Area Boards be set up in each participating Council area.
- (g) The draft Memorandum and Articles for the Shared Service Vehicle company reflect the governance and legal issues set out in Annex A: Annex 3 (of the report to EKJAC), subject to the addition of provisions for internal audit.
- (h) Each Council's Chief Executive be authorised to make any changes necessary to these proposals, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, and to pursue the project up to final Council approval to join the Housing Shared Service Vehicle.

(Councillors V J Revell, A R Smith and J M Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, for the reason that they were Council leaseholders, and left the Chamber during consideration of the matter.)

455 INTERIM CORPORATE PLAN 2010/11 – 2013/14

Council considered the report of the Chief Executive on the Interim Corporate Plan 2010/11 – 2013/14 which had been put before Cabinet at its meeting held on 8 February. Subsequently the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee had approved the Plan on 16 February (Minute No 412) and Cabinet, on 1 March 2010, had recommended approval subject to the inclusion of the following two amendments to the targets for Value for Money Services:

- (a) To work towards moving all our services to a position where for every service performance is in a higher quartile than cost.
- (b) To meet the target 3 days (from reporting) as the average time taken to remove fly-tips.

It was moved by Councillor C J Smith, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That the Interim Corporate Plan 2010/11-2013/14 be approved subject to the inclusion of the two amendments to page 5 of the report.

456 COUNCIL BUDGET 2010/11 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2010/11 – 2012/13 AND COUNCIL TAX LEVY 2010/11

The Head of Finance and ICT submitted reports on the Council Budget 2010/11 and the Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/13 together with revised copies of Annexes 12A (Council Tax Levy), 12B (Parish and Town Councils) and 12C (2010/11 Precepts and the NDR multiplier). The Cabinet, at its meetings held on 8 February and 1 March 2010, and the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee at its meeting held on 16 February 2010 had considered the same reports.

It was moved by Councillor P A Watkins, duly seconded and

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That the General Fund Revenue Budget, the Capital and Special Projects Programmes, the Housing Revenue Account budget, and the content of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) be approved.
 - (b) That the view of the Head of Finance and ICT that the budget has been prepared in an appropriate and prudent manner and that, based upon the information available, the estimates are robust, and that the estimated General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances and reserves are considered adequate for the Council's current spending plans, be noted.
 - (c) That, in setting the budget for 2010/11, the release of grants to other organisations as determined by Cabinet and set out at Annex 13 of the report, be approved.
 - (d) That the request for a supplementary budget of £395,000 for 2009/10, to be financed from £200,000 of VAT refunds and £195,000 of General Fund balances, be approved.

- (e) That the various recommendations at the end of the sections within the attached budget and MTFP at Appendix 1 of the report be approved as follows:
 - (i) The General Revenue Fund Budget for 2010/11 and the projected outturn for 2009/10.
 - (ii) Continue the practice of delegated authority to the Head of Finance and ICT to approve revenue budget carry forwards within the guidelines set out, and create and draw down Growth Point reserves in order to apply them to regeneration projects and support.
 - (iii) The policies and protocols regarding the General Fund balances and earmarked reserves, and transfers between reserves as set out in Annex 7 of the report.
 - (iv) The 2010/11 HRA budget at Annex 8A of the report.
 - (v) The basis upon which the capital and special projects programmes have been compiled.
 - (vi) Delegate the decisions to apply capital receipts, revenue funds and other capital resources to finance the capital and special projects programmes to the Head of Finance and ICT.
 - (vii) That poolable housing capital receipts are retained and used to fund capital allowances on Regeneration and Decent Homes agendas.
 - (viii) The recommendations for the treatment of the 'Minimum Revenue Provision' as set out in Annex 9F of the report.
 - (ix) The Prudential Indicators and the Treasury Management Strategy.

- (f) That the following determinations relating to the Council Tax levy in 2010/11 which are consequential upon the adoption of the recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of the budget for the 2010/11 financial year be approved and adopted as follows:
 - (i) The Council calculated the following amounts for the 2010/11 financial year in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Act 1992:
 - (ii) 40,200.38 being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 3 of the

Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year.

- (iii) The following amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for dwellings in various parts of the District:

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	<u>Tax Base</u>
Alkham	321.30
Ash	1,216.77
Aylesham	1,101.98
Capel-le-Ferne	711.80
Deal	7,274.28
Denton-with-Wootton	173.86
Dover	9,495.77
Eastry	884.07
Eythorne	877.03
Goodnestone	181.96
Great Mongeham	295.92
Guston	425.08
Hougham-without	188.75
Langdon	238.12
Lydden	251.24
Nonington	313.54
Northbourne	295.89
Preston	287.19
Ringwould-with-Kingsdown	1,049.59
Ripple	160.24
River	1,528.94
St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	1,298.94
Sandwich	2,065.72
Shepherdswell-with-Coldred	767.42
Sholden	444.13
Staple	234.98
Stourmouth	115.28
Sutton-by-Dover	317.07
Temple Ewell	649.46
Tilmanstone	162.37
Walmer	3,454.30
Whitfield	1,815.63
Wingham	711.03
Woodnesborough	428.77
Worth	461.96
	40,200.38

- (g) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (i) £86,669,343 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
- (ii) £68,013,487 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
- (iii) £18,655,856 being the amount by which the aggregate at (g)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (g)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (iv) £10,434,015 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant, increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and having regard to the amount representing the Council's contribution to Council Tax benefit in accordance with the Collection Fund (General) (England) Directions 1999, the Collection Fund (Council Tax Benefit) (England) Directions 1999 and the Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 1999.
- (v) £204.52 being the amount at (g)(iii) above less the amount at (g)(iv) above, all divided by the amount at (f)(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (vi) £1,832,3933 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

(vii) Town and Parish Councils

Alkham	183.84
Ash	217.29
Aylesham	192.32
Capel-le-Ferne	179.31
Deal	196.87
Denton-with-Wootton	209.79
Dover	224.83
Eastry	211.21
Eythorne	205.69
Goodnestone	183.47
Great Mongeham	185.14

Guston	200.53
Hougham-without	194.70
Langdon	205.14
Lydden	194.76
Nonington	181.27
Northbourne	191.71
Preston	193.76
Ringwould-with-Kingsdown	186.57
Ripple	182.34
River	200.30
St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	198.53
Sandwich	212.19
Shepherdswell-with-Coldred	192.69
Sholden	208.48
Staple	184.47
Stourmouth	183.27
Sutton-by-Dover	184.09
Temple Ewell	192.04
Tilmanstone	195.89
Walmer	198.02
Whitfield	197.73
Wingham	215.28
Woodnesborough	186.93
Worth	189.45

being the amounts given by adding to the basic amount of Council Tax for dwellings in the District Council's area (£158.94) the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (f)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(viii) Valuation Bands

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alkham	122.56	142.99	163.41	183.84	224.69	265.55	306.40	367.68
Ash	144.86	169.00	193.15	217.29	265.58	313.86	362.15	434.58
Aylesham	128.21	149.58	170.95	192.32	235.06	277.80	320.53	384.64
Capel-le-Ferne	119.54	139.46	159.39	179.31	219.16	259.00	298.85	358.62
Deal	131.25	153.12	175.00	196.87	240.62	284.37	328.12	393.74
Denton-with-Wootton	139.86	163.17	186.48	209.79	256.41	303.03	349.65	419.58
Dover	149.89	174.87	199.85	224.83	274.79	324.75	374.72	449.66
Eastry	140.81	164.27	187.74	211.21	258.15	305.08	352.02	422.42
Eythorne	137.13	159.98	182.84	205.69	251.40	297.11	342.82	411.38
Goodnestone	122.31	142.70	163.08	183.47	224.24	265.01	305.78	366.94
Great Mongeham	123.43	144.00	164.57	185.14	226.28	267.42	308.57	370.28
Guston	133.69	155.97	178.25	200.53	245.09	289.65	334.22	401.06
Hougham-without	129.80	151.43	173.07	194.70	237.97	281.23	324.50	389.40
Langdon	136.76	159.55	182.35	205.14	250.73	296.31	341.90	410.28
Lydden	129.84	151.48	173.12	194.76	238.04	281.32	324.60	389.52
Nonington	120.85	140.99	161.13	181.27	221.55	261.83	302.12	362.54

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u>	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Northbourne	127.81	149.11	170.41	191.71	234.31	276.91	319.52	383.42
Preston	129.17	150.70	172.23	193.76	236.82	279.88	322.93	387.52
Ringwould-with-Kingsdown	124.38	145.11	165.84	186.57	228.03	269.49	310.95	373.14
Ripple	121.56	141.82	162.08	182.34	222.86	263.38	303.90	364.68
River	133.53	155.79	178.04	200.30	244.81	289.32	333.83	400.60
St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	132.35	154.41	176.47	198.53	242.65	286.77	330.88	397.06
Sandwich	141.46	165.04	188.61	212.19	259.34	306.50	353.65	424.38
Shepherdswell-with-Coldred	128.46	149.87	171.28	192.69	235.51	278.33	321.15	385.38
Sholden	138.99	162.15	185.32	208.48	254.81	301.14	347.47	416.96
Staple	122.98	143.48	163.97	184.47	225.46	266.46	307.45	368.94
Stourmouth	122.18	142.54	162.91	183.27	224.00	264.72	305.45	366.54
Sutton-by-Dover	122.73	143.18	163.64	184.09	225.00	265.91	306.82	368.18
Temple Ewell	128.03	149.36	170.70	192.04	234.72	277.39	320.07	384.08
Tilmanstone	130.59	152.36	174.12	195.89	239.42	282.95	326.48	391.78
Walmer	132.01	154.02	176.02	198.02	242.02	286.03	330.03	396.04
Whitfield	131.82	153.79	175.76	197.73	241.67	285.61	329.55	395.46
Wingham	143.52	167.44	191.36	215.28	263.12	310.96	358.80	430.56
Woodnesborough	124.62	145.39	166.16	186.93	228.47	270.01	311.55	373.86
Worth	126.30	147.35	168.40	189.45	231.55	273.65	315.75	378.90

being the amounts applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band as defined in Section 5(1) of the Act, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of Categories of dwellings listed in different valuations bands.

- (h) That it be noted for the year 2010/11 the Kent County Council has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
698.52	814.94	931.36	1,047.78	1,280.62	1,513.46	1,746.30	2,095.56

- (i) That it be noted for the year 2010/11 the Kent Police Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
92.45	107.86	123.27	138.68	169.50	200.32	231.13	277.36

- (j) That it be noted for the year 2010/11 the Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government

Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
45.30	52.85	60.40	67.95	83.05	98.15	113.25	135.90

- (h) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (g)(viii), (h), (i) and (j) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2010/11 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alkham	958.83	1,118.64	1,278.44	1,438.25	1,757.86	2,077.48	2,397.08	2,876.50
Ash	981.13	1,144.65	1,308.18	1,471.70	1,798.75	2,125.79	2,452.83	2,943.40
Aylesham	964.48	1,125.23	1,285.98	1,446.73	1,768.23	2,089.73	2,411.21	2,893.46
Capel-le-Ferne	955.81	1,115.11	1,274.42	1,433.72	1,752.33	2,070.93	2,389.53	2,867.44
Deal	967.52	1,128.77	1,290.03	1,451.28	1,773.79	2,096.30	2,418.80	2,902.56
Denton-with-Wootton	976.13	1,138.82	1,301.51	1,464.20	1,789.58	2,114.96	2,440.33	2,928.40
Dover	986.16	1,150.52	1,314.88	1,479.24	1,807.96	2,136.68	2,465.40	2,958.48
Eastry	977.08	1,139.92	1,302.77	1,465.62	1,791.32	2,117.01	2,442.70	2,931.24
Eythorne	973.40	1,135.63	1,297.87	1,460.10	1,784.57	2,109.04	2,433.50	2,920.20
Goodnestone	958.58	1,118.35	1,278.11	1,437.88	1,757.41	2,076.94	2,396.46	2,875.76
Great Mongeham	959.70	1,119.65	1,279.60	1,439.55	1,759.45	2,079.35	2,399.25	2,879.10
Guston	969.96	1,131.62	1,293.28	1,454.94	1,778.26	2,101.58	2,424.90	2,909.88
Hougham-without	966.07	1,127.08	1,288.10	1,449.11	1,771.14	2,093.16	2,415.18	2,898.22
Langdon	973.03	1,135.20	1,297.38	1,459.55	1,783.90	2,108.24	2,432.58	2,919.10
Lydden	966.11	1,127.13	1,288.15	1,449.17	1,771.21	2,093.25	2,415.28	2,898.34
Nonington	957.12	1,116.64	1,276.16	1,435.68	1,754.72	2,073.76	2,392.80	2,871.36
Northbourne	964.08	1,124.76	1,285.44	1,446.12	1,767.48	2,088.84	2,410.20	2,892.24
Preston	965.44	1,126.35	1,287.26	1,448.17	1,769.99	2,091.81	2,413.61	2,896.34
Ringwould-with-Kingsdown	960.65	1,120.76	1,280.87	1,440.98	1,761.20	2,081.42	2,401.63	2,881.96
Ripple	957.83	1,117.47	1,277.11	1,436.75	1,756.03	2,075.31	2,394.58	2,873.50
River	969.80	1,131.44	1,293.07	1,454.71	1,777.98	2,101.25	2,424.51	2,909.42
St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	968.62	1,130.06	1,291.50	1,452.94	1,775.82	2,098.70	2,421.56	2,905.88
Sandwich	977.73	1,140.69	1,303.64	1,466.60	1,792.51	2,118.43	2,444.33	2,933.20
Shepherdswell-with-Coldred	964.73	1,125.52	1,286.31	1,447.10	1,768.68	2,090.26	2,411.83	2,894.20
Sholden	975.26	1,137.80	1,300.35	1,462.89	1,787.98	2,113.07	2,438.15	2,925.78
Staple	959.25	1,119.13	1,279.00	1,438.88	1,758.63	2,078.39	2,398.13	2,877.76
Stourmouth	958.45	1,118.19	1,277.94	1,437.68	1,757.17	2,076.65	2,396.13	2,875.36
Sutton-by-Dover	959.00	1,118.83	1,278.67	1,438.50	1,758.17	2,077.84	2,397.50	2,877.00
Temple Ewell	964.30	1,125.01	1,285.73	1,446.45	1,767.89	2,089.32	2,410.75	2,892.90
Tilmanstone	966.86	1,128.01	1,289.15	1,450.30	1,772.59	2,094.88	2,417.16	2,900.60
Walmer	968.28	1,129.67	1,291.05	1,452.43	1,775.19	2,097.96	2,420.71	2,904.86
Whitfield	968.09	1,129.44	1,290.79	1,452.14	1,774.84	2,097.54	2,420.23	2,904.28
Wingham	979.79	1,143.09	1,306.39	1,469.69	1,796.29	2,122.89	2,449.48	2,939.38
Woodnesborough	960.89	1,121.04	1,281.19	1,441.34	1,761.64	2,081.94	2,402.23	2,882.68
Worth	962.57	1,123.00	1,283.43	1,443.86	1,764.72	2,085.58	2,406.43	2,887.72

457 APPROVAL OF EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY 2010-2015

Members considered the report of the Head of Housing, Culture and Community Safety on the Approval of Empty Homes Strategy 2010-2015 together with Cabinet decision CAB 104.

It was moved by Councillor F J W Scales, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That Cabinet decision CAB 104 be reaffirmed as follows:

- (a) That a scoping study be undertaken in order to establish the number of vacant one-bedroom flats in the District, and identify any problems arising where there is a preponderance of one-bedroom flats.
- (b) That the Empty Homes Strategy 2010-2015 be approved.

458 PROPOSED FUNDING FOR ADAPTATIONS FROM THE EAST COAST PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Council considered the report of the Head of Property, Leisure and Waste Management on the Proposed Funding for Adaptations from the East Coast PCT and Cabinet decision CAB 113.

It was moved by Councillor S S Chandler, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That the offer of £150,000 in funding from the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT), to be spent by 31 March 2010 on disabled adaptations in the homes of the District's older and disabled tenants, be approved, subject to the Head of Finance and ICT being satisfied as to any terms and conditions applicable to the offer.

(Councillor P A Lodge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item for the reason that his wife was employed by the PCT, and left the meeting during consideration of the matter.)

459 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules, members of the Cabinet responded to the following questions:

- (a) Can the Portfolio Holder describe the reporting procedures required by the Council for those organisations which carry out street collections for charitable ends and have these procedures been followed in every case?
- (b) Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance inform the Council of the amount of additional council tax raised by the increase in the council tax base?
- (c) What plans does the Portfolio Holder have to consult with the public and other stakeholders on the priorities for the Medium Term Financial Plan? When will this consultation start?

- (d) Could the Portfolio Holder describe the progress and achievements of each objective of the current Youth Strategy?
- (e) Can the Portfolio Holder inform the Council of the negotiations entered into by the Council's Cabinet members and/or officers with representatives of the Department of Communities and Local Government in order to maintain the Council's financial plans as outlined in the Medium Term Financial Plan as agreed at last year's budget meeting of the Council?
- (f) In view of the amount of the Council's revenue deficit as projected in the budget monitoring statements, why has the Portfolio Holder not placed this on a Cabinet or Council meeting agenda to date?
- (g) What is the proposed procedure and running order for the 'State of the District' debate at the Council's AGM? How will the public be involved in the session?
- (h) How much has been invested in additional dental contracts during this and the last financial year in the DDC area? How many new practices have been established as a result of this investment?
- (i) What support is DDC giving to the trains4deal campaign?

460 MOTION

Councillor LA Keen gave notice under Rule 13 of the Council Procedure Rules of her intention to move the following motion:

Council requests that notices involving demolition served to the Council under Section 80 of the Building Act 1984 will be communicated to each Ward Councillor and the Parish Council as soon as DDC know that a building in their ward is scheduled for demolition in order to allow negotiations with the owner about alternatives to demolition.

On being put to the meeting the Motion was CARRIED.

461 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business on the grounds that the items to be considered involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

462 DEED OF VARIATION – AYLESHAM VILLAGE EXPANSION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Council considered the report of the Head of Regeneration on the Deed of Variation – Aylesham Village Expansion Development Agreement together with Cabinet decision CAB 121 from 1 March 2010 and the recommendation from Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee (Minute No 448) which had included an amendment.

It was moved by Councillor F J W Scales, duly seconded and

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That the terms of a Deed of Variation to the Aylesham Village Expansion Development Agreement be agreed provided that the proposed revised allowances do not result in reductions in quality and that the residents of Aylesham be consulted on any changes.
 - (b) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Special Projects, to conclude the agreement.
 - (c) That the change be publicised in order to reduce the risk of legal challenge at a later date.
 - (d) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Special Projects, to continue negotiations with the developers to support their Kickstart application.

463 DECISIONS TAKEN BY A PORTFOLIO HOLDER BETWEEN CABINET MEETINGS

It was moved by Councillor P S Le Chevalier, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That the following item be received and noted:

- U08 Award of a contract and release of funds for the renovation of Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens Play Areas.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm.