



AGENDA

For a meeting of the

COUNCIL

to be held on

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2005

at

2.00 PM

in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST. PETER'S HILL,
GRANTHAM**

Duncan Kerr, Chief Executive

Members of the Council are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.

1. Public Open Forum

The public open forum will commence at **2.00 p.m.** and the following formal business of the Council will commence at **2.30 p.m.** or whenever the public open forum ends, if earlier.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2005 (Enclosure)

5. Communications (including Chairman's Announcements) (Enclosure)

6. Notices of Motion given under Council Procedure Rule 12:-

(1) By Councillor Yvonne Gibbins

"Given the facts that;

- (1) Members with "special responsibilities" have higher allowances and have recently been given an increase in their allowances, and
- (2) CPA gave SKDC only a "fair" status,

I therefore propose that; all cabinet members, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen declare their suitability for these posts and allowances, by informing all members of SKDC orally of their qualifications, experience and training, which make them the most

appropriate person for their positions, and that they will regularly attend courses/workshops pertinent to their portfolios/panels remit”

(2) By Councillor John Hurst

“This Council considers that a Shadow Cabinet, enshrined in the Constitution, would enrich the developing democracy of the District, to the general good. Such Shadow Cabinet, in accordance with statute, must have objectives and processes that do not duplicate those of the DSPs or Cabinet.

The Shadow Cabinet will have the following remit:

1. to recommend to the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee, subjects that could be included in the future work programme of the Development and Scrutiny Panels
2. to advocate to the Cabinet, issues and concerns that it perceives to be relevant to the people of the District
3. to proffer expertise and advice to the Executive
4. to offer an alternative perspective to the Cabinet on consultation documents
5. the Shadow Cabinet does not have the power of call-in.”

(3) By Councillor Stephen O’Hare

“That this Council believes that in relation to the multi million pound annual expenditure of this Council

1. It is financially sensible to ensure that all members of the Cabinet have received appropriate external formal training;
2. Where practicable it is financially sensible to ensure that any Councillor appointed to the Cabinet has received such training before appointment to the Cabinet;
3. Any existing Cabinet member who has not received such training by the end of 2005 should seriously consider resigning from the Cabinet.”

(4) By Councillor Stephen O’Hare

“That this Council believes that the format of Local Area Assemblies should be changed so as to allow members of the public to ask questions after the end of each item on the agenda and not be forced to wait until the very end of the meeting to be involved.”

7. Budget 2005/06 (Policy Framework Proposal)

Report number FIN226 by the Director of Finance & Strategic Resources:

(1) Budget 2005/2006:

- Section A – Cabinet Report to Council

- Section B – Chief Finance Officer's Statement on Robustness and Adequacy of Reserves
- Section C – Council Tax Resolution for 2005/06
- Section D – Resolutions on Capital Financing **(Enclosure)**

(2) Budget Book for 2005/2006 **(Separate Enclosure to follow)**

8. **2005/06 Review of Corporate Planning Arrangements**
Report number CEX281 by the Chief Executive. **(Enclosure)**

9. **Change Management Action Plan**
Report number CEX280 by the Leader and Chief Executive. **(Enclosure)**

10. **Generic Equalities Scheme**
Report number HR&OD76 by the Corporate Manager, Human Resources and Organisational Development. **(Enclosure)**

11. **Amendment to Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act Policy**
Report number DLS17 by the Corporate Manager, Democratic & Legal Services.
[Deferred from last Council meeting.] **(Enclosure)**

12. **Members' Allowances**
Report number FIN227 by the Director of Finance & Strategic Resources.
(Enclosure)

13. **Representatives on Outside Bodies: Internal Drainage Boards**
Report number DLS25 by the Corporate Manager, Democratic & Legal Services.
(Enclosure)

14. **Questions Without Discussion.**