



AGENDA

For a meeting of the
COUNCIL
to be held on
THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 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. Election of Chairman of the District Council**
The Chairman will take the Chair, make the declaration of acceptance of office and be invested with the chain of office.
- 2. Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman**
After the vote of thanks, the Chairman will make a presentation to the retiring Chairman. The retiring Chairman will then respond.
- 3. Election of Vice-Chairman of the District Council**
The Vice-Chairman will make the declaration of acceptance of office and be invested with the Vice-Chairman's medallion.
- 4. Apologies for Absence**
- 5. Declarations of Interest**
Members are asked to declare any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.
- 6. Minutes**
Minutes of the Meetings held on:
24th February 2005 (Enclosure)
28th February 2005 (Enclosure)

7. **Communications (including outgoing Chairman's Engagements)**
(Enclosure)
8. **Appointment of Leader of the Council.**
9. **Determination as to the number of Cabinet seats and the notification of the Cabinet Members and Portfolios.**
10. **Re-allocation of Seats on Council Committees and Panels**
Report number CEX285 by the Chief Executive. (Enclosure)
11. **Issues for South Kesteven District Council arising out of a review of the Corporate Governance Report on Lincolnshire County Council**
Report number CEX288 by the Chief Executive. (Enclosure)
12. **Appointments to the new Development and Scrutiny Panels and Other Committees of the Council**
Report number CEX286 by the Chief Executive. (Enclosure)
13. **Timetable of Council and Committee Meetings**
(Enclosure)
14. **Representatives on Outside Bodies:**
 - (1) To consider nominations for yearly appointments on the following Outside Bodies (*previous representatives shown in italics*)

East Midlands Regional Local Government Association (EMRLGA)	-	<i>The Leader (Councillor Mrs Linda Neal)</i>
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The EMRLGA are also seeking expressions of interest for:

- The EMRLGA Employment Forum Steering Group
- The EMRLGA Executive Committee

Local Government Association: <i>Leader</i>	-	<i>The Leader or Deputy</i>
General Assembly		<i>in his/her absence</i>

Local Government Association: Rural Commission <i>Portfolio</i>	-	<i>Councillor Teri Bryant*</i> <i>(as Community Affairs</i> <i>holder)</i> Councillor John Hurst
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**Councillor Teri Bryant to hold the voting rights*

(2) Health Scrutiny Committee, Lincolnshire County Council.

The Council to appoint a representative for this authority on the County Council's scrutiny body of the health service.

(3) South Kesteven Race Equality Forum

Report number HR&OD77 by the Corporate Manager, Human Resources & Organisational Development.

(Enclosure)

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

(1) By Councillor Stephen O'Hare

"That this Council RESOLVES

1. that there will with immediate effect be no charge to any resident for dealing with an infestation of rats in their house (residence) or garden within the area of SKDC

AND

2. that the cost of this in the current financial year ending 31.3.2006 be a charge on the financial reserves.

(2) By Councillor Stephen O'Hare

That as

1. The Audit Commission report on Housing Services of SKDC will be publicly available only after the 16th May 2005
2. Even those Councillors who have seen a draft of the Audit Commission report are prohibited from referring to it publicly
3. The terms of the draft report as they relate to Affordable Housing are very clear
4. Councillors will only be able to refer to the precise contents of the Audit Commission draft report today the 28th April 2005 if they do so behind closed doors
5. That to refer to the precise contents of the draft report behind closed doors Councillors will have to vote to kick out and exclude the press and public,

This Council RESOLVES that no decisions on Housing issues are taken by this Council until the Audit Commission report is published and available to the public on or about the 16th May 2005.

16. Review of Council Priorities

Report number CAB1 by the Leader on behalf of the Cabinet.

(Enclosure)

17. South Kesteven District Council Anti-Social Behaviour and Enforcement Policy

The Cabinet to recommend the formal adoption of the above policy document. A copy of the Cabinet minute from its meeting held on 4th April 2005 is attached.

(Enclosure)

[The draft Anti-Social Behaviour & Enforcement Policy and appended documents was circulated with the Cabinet agenda for the meeting held on 4th April 2005. A copy can be accessed via the "Local Democracy" link on the Council's website www.southkesteven.gov.uk or by contacting the Member Services Manager.]

18. Amendments to the Constitution: Delegations to Officers

Report number DLS35 by the corporate manager, Democratic & Legal Services.

(Enclosure)

19. Amendments to the Constitution: Recommendations of the Constitution & Accounts Committee

Report number DLS34 by the Corporate Manager, Democratic & Legal Services.

(Enclosure)

20. High Hedges Legislation - Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003: Operational Issues

Report number DLS24 by the Corporate Manager, Democratic & Legal Services.

(Enclosure)

21. Questions without Discussion.