



AGENDA

For a meeting of the
COUNCIL
to be held on
THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2007
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 25TH JANUARY 2007.**
(Enclosure)
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS)**
(Enclosure)
- 6. BUDGET 2007/2008 (POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL)**
(A) Budget Setting 2007/2008
Report number CHF35 by the Corporate Head of Finance & Resources.
(Enclosure)

[Budget Book for 2007/2008 - separate enclosure]

(B) Council Tax setting 2007/2008

7. LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

Report number CEX367 by the Chief Executive. **(Enclosure)**
[A copy of Cabinet minute number CO92 follows this report.]

8. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONSTITUTION & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Council to consider the following recommendation from the committee meeting held on 13th December 2006. *[amendment in italics]*

Minute 42: Appeals Panel Membership

To recommend to Council that Part 3, page 62, point 1 of the Constitution relating to the Appeals Panel be amended to read: "3 members of the Licensing Committee *or the Resources development and scrutiny panel.*"

9. FORMATION OF AN AUDIT & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Report number CHF34 by the Corporate Head of Finance & Resources.

(Enclosure)

[This report is to be considered by the Constitution and Accounts Committee at its meeting on 26th February 2007. The recommendation of that committee will be circulated at the Council meeting.]

10. CORE TRAINING FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

Report number HR&OD87 by the Service Manager, Human Resources and Organisational Development. **(Enclosure)**

11. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

Report number CEX369 by the Chief Executive. **(Enclosure)**

12. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983: S.18 (AS AMENDED BY ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION ACT 2006: S.16) - REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES

Report by the Electoral Registration Officer. **(To follow)**

13. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES: PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION REVIEW PANELS

Report number DLS94 by the Service Manager, Democracy. **(Enclosure)**

14. QUESTIONS WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION GIVEN UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12:-

(1) From Councillor Mike Taylor:

"This Council deplores the total disregard and disrespect the Minister for Communities and Local Government Yvette Cooper is showing, in failing to respond in any way to a legitimate request from this Council,

which, if implemented would be of great benefit to the rent paying residents of the district.”

(2) From Councillor Teri Bryant:

“This council requests that the constitution and accounts committee debates and determines what steps can be taken on dealing with members who fail to fulfil their role as councillors as clearly envisaged by the remuneration panel. To assist in the debate and provide some guidance to the committee the council recommends a minimum level of full attendance of 10 council run meetings a year before sanctions are imposed. The committee are reminded to be cognisant of the allocation of seats. Extenuating circumstances for non attendance such as Cllr Moore’s accident would be the prerogative of the Chairman of the Council.”

(3) From Councillor Mrs Linda Neal, Leader of the Council

“This Council condemns the pre-emptive action of the ULNHS Trust in withdrawing emergency general surgery from Grantham hospital without any prior consultation with the local community. This Council calls on the Trust to explain why a business plan has not been put into place to recruit new consultants and develop a service that could attract and receive the number of patients needed to make the service viable.

Bearing in mind the importance of these services to a town that has been granted “Growth Status”, this Council demands the immediate re-instatement of these services and their full continuation whilst an independent, appropriately qualified, agency undertakes a full review of the situation and reports accordingly.”

(4) From Councillor Mrs Linda Neal, Leader of the Council

“This Council resolves to:-

1. Support the Sustainable Communities Bill which will devolve more power from Whitehall to Councils and communities by
 - giving councils more power over money spent by national agencies on local matters in their areas; and
 - giving councils and their communities the power to drive government policy to assist them in promoting sustainable communities

And thereby help councils to protect the wellbeing of their communities and citizens.

2. Note that the Bill is promoted in Parliament by a cross party group of MPs led by Nick Hurd MP, David Drew MP, and Julia Goldsworthy MP

and is supported by 363 MPs, well over half the House of Commons.

3. Write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government urging her to support the Bill and to inform the leading MPs of this decision.”

(5) From Councillor Stephen O’Hare

“That this Council has no confidence in councillors Neal, Bryant and Cartwright as members of the executive Cabinet being respectively the Leader of the Council, portfolio holder for Finances and portfolio holder for Housing. This is due to their continued failure, individually and jointly, over a period of at least one and a half years between May 2005 and 15th November 2006. The failure was to take any constructive action to protect the council housing stock of SKDC, being the single greatest financial asset of this Council. Specifically, their failure to tackle the issue of the “loss” to the Housing Revenue Account of this council of over £4 million every single year which started from the 1st April 2004 and still continues.”

(6) From Councillor Stephen O’Hare

“That this Council lacks confidence in Councillors Auger, Carpenter and John Smith as members of the executive Cabinet. This is due to their continued joint failure, over a period of nearly one and a half years between May 2005 and 15th November 2006. The failure was to take constructive action to protect the council housing stock of SKDC, being the single greatest financial asset of this Council. Specifically, their failure to ensure that their other Cabinet Colleagues with more specific responsibilities for this issue tackled The issue of the “loss” to the Housing Revenue Account of this Council of over £4 million every single year which started from 1st April 2004 and still continues.”

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DECIDES IS URGENT.

**DEADLINE FOR NOTICES OF MOTION
TO COUNCIL ON 19TH APRIL 2007:**

2.00PM WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2007