

AGENDA



For a meeting of the
COUNCIL
to be held on
THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2012
at
2.00 PM
in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST. PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM
Beverly Agass, Chief Executive

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

For those Councillors who wish to attend, prayers will be held in the Council Chamber at 1:50pm before the commencement of the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF THE 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 respond.

3. APPOINTMENT 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 OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2012

(Enclosure)

7. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS)

(Enclosure)

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET

For noting. The Leader will announce the size of the Cabinet, appoint members to the Cabinet and announce their portfolios.

9. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Report number LDS063 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

(Enclosure)

10. TIMETABLE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2012/13

To approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and its committees for the municipal year – report number LDS065 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

(Enclosure)

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To consider nominations to represent the Council on outside bodies – report number LDS064 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

(Enclosure)

12. LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE SCHEME - REVIEW OF SCHEME

Report number SD032 by the Resources Portfolio Holder.

(Enclosure)

13. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES

Report number LDS061 by the Returning Officer.

(Enclosure)

14. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN

Report number GAC004 by the Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee.

(Enclosure)

15. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report number LDS062 by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

(Enclosure)

16. LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report of the Engagement and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder.

(To follow)

17. QUESTIONS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

To note the list of questions asked under Council procedure rule 11.1 as circulated at the start of the meeting and their reference to the relevant Policy Development Group.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION GIVEN UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12:

1) From Councillor Paul Wood

The Localism Act 2011 permits Councils to change from one form of governance to another.

This Council currently operates the leader/cabinet arrangement but this could be changed back to a committee system.

A committee system operated at SKDC for many years prior to the leader/cabinet arrangements and was very successful. Committees are the most democratic form of decision making and enable all Councillors to be involved and gain experience in many areas.

I am aware of other Councils reverting back to a Committee system and in particular Nottinghamshire County Council which is Conservative led have agreed to return to Committees following a Nottinghamshire Conservative manifesto pledge. They have successfully organised this change in the period from November 2011 to 17th May 2012 when the new system will commence. Nottinghamshire have also contained all costs within their existing budgets.

I propose that South Kesteven District Council agree to return to the Committee system and set a timescale to achieve this.