

AGENDA



For a meeting of the
COUNCIL
to be held on
THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 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 1:55pm before the commencement of the meeting. Please be seated by 1:50pm.

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. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2012

(Enclosure)

5. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS)

(Enclosure)

6. BOUNDARY COMMISSION - BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Council will receive a presentation from the Boundary Commission for England.

7. GRAVITY FIELDS FESTIVAL

The Economic Development and Investment Service Manager will give a presentation on arrangements for the Gravity Fields Festival.

8. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT - OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER

Report number PD003 by Grow the Economy – Economic Development Portfolio Holder. **(Enclosure)**

9. 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.

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

1) From Councillor Phil Dilks

This motion seeks to improve the openness, accountability and efficiency of the Council and assist elected Members in carrying out their responsibilities in representing local residents.

Council notes that a Public Open Forum of up to 30-minutes is set aside at the start of each Council meeting for any resident of the District to question the administration, subject to written notification no later than 72-hours prior to the meeting.

The resident may reasonably expect to receive an answer at the meeting as well as a reply to a supplementary question.

Questions from Councillors are also required to be submitted within a similar time-frame, but are then treated very differently to questions from residents.

All questions from councillors are currently referred to *'the relevant Policy Development Group'* irrespective of who they are directed to, delaying a reply for several weeks or even months.

In contrast, a councillor could expect a quicker formal reply by lodging a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Council resolves to tackle this issue by tasking its Constitutional Committee to consider appropriate amendments to the Rules of Procedure to be voted on at the next Annual Meeting of the Council, thus ensuring that in seeking information, councillors are not more disadvantaged than the residents they are elected to represent.

2) From Councillor Phil Dilks

This Council resolves that each SKDC Committee and Policy Development Group be invited to provide a short report on its work over the previous year to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council.

The deadline for notices of motion for the meeting on Thursday 18 October 2012 will be 2pm on Friday 5 October 2012.