

# AGENDA



For a meeting of the
<b>RESOURCES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP</b>
to be held on
<b>THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2013</b>
at
<b>2.30 PM</b>
in
<b>WITHAM ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM. NG31 6PZ</b>
Beverly Agass, Chief Executive

Group Members:	Councillor Jean Bevan, Councillor Nick Craft (Chairman), Councillor Alan Davidson, Councillor Nick Robins, Councillor Bob Sandall, Councillor Trevor Scott (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Jacky Smith
Portfolio Holders:	Councillor Teri Bryant (Portfolio: Good housing for all) Councillor Mike Taylor (Portfolio: Strategic Resources – Well Run Council)
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**Members of the Group are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.**

**1. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

To receive comments or views from members of the public at the Group's discretion.

**2. MEMBERSHIP**

The Group to be notified of any substitute members.

**3. APOLOGIES**

#### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

#### 5. ACTION NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2013

(Enclosure)

#### 6. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Pre-application planning advice
- Accredited planning agents

#### 7. FEEDBACK FROM THE EXECUTIVE

#### 8. QUESTIONS REFERRED BY COUNCIL ON 18 APRIL 2013

**From:** Councillor Ian Selby

**To:** Councillor Terl Bryant, Good Housing for All Portfolio Holder

*I wish to raise a question on an issue that I have no doubt affects other councillors in their ward.*

*Back in April 2007 I was contacted by some of my constituents regarding contributions by residents on the warden scheme towards community centre costs. I subsequently submitted a question to Councillor Cartwright at that time and the reply stated that the matter would be discussed by the DSP Working Group. Further to this a letter from a council officer (name can be provided but unnamed for the purpose of this public question) in October 2007 stated that the Service Improvement Plan that was being developed would allow for the carrying out of a full review of the situation.*

*In Feb 2010 my constituents raised the question again and received a reply from the officer with an assurance that a 'Review of Supported Housing Services would tackle the issue'.*

*In 2011 I then contacted another officer for a progress report and the reply stated that, 'the use and funding of the community rooms will be reviewed as part of the extensive supported housing review which is ongoing. However this particular part of the review is unlikely to be started until after the summer of 2012 as it ties in with other key pieces of work involving fees and charges'.*

*My constituents feel that this issue is constantly being pushed back they think it is time that a decision was finally made, particularly in the light of yet another rise in the amount that they are having to pay, the present cost being £5.60 a week.*

*Also my constituents' community centre in Belton Avenue is in use by at least*

*seven different groups at various times of the day and evening and so it is not available for use by tenants at these times unless they are part of one of the groups.*

*My constituents have recently carried out a survey on the use of the community centre in Belton Avenue and have found out that the majority of the groups are not charged at this present time for use of the facilities and my constituents ask the question; “why are we being charged to pay for their use of electricity etc”.*

*This issue is long overdue being addressed for fairness for all concerned. Personally I don't think it's fair that a small minority of people should pay for a facility that the whole community has the use of. May I therefore respectfully ask; can you give me a definitive answer as to when will this issue be finally addressed by the council?*

*In anticipation of a positive response, thank you.*

**9. LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE SCHEME UPDATE**

Report number HOF234 by the Head of Finance. **(Enclosure)**

**10. LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME**

Report number HOF235 by the Head of Finance. **(Enclosure)**

**11. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

- Medium Term Financial Strategy

**12. WORK PROGRAMME**

**(Enclosure)**

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DECIDES IS URGENT.**