MINUTES

COUNCIL
THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY 2014
2.00 PM

PRESENT
Councillor David Nalson Chairman

Councillor Bob Adams
Councillor Mark Ashberry
Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor Pam Bosworth
Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor Terl Bryant
Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor Ibis Channell
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Michael Cook
Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor Paul Cosham
Councillor Nick Craft
Councillor Alan Davidson
Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor Breda Griffin
Councillor Reginald Howard
Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Vic Kerr
Councillor Jock Kerr
Councillor Michael King
Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal
Councillor John Nicholson
Councillor Alan Parkin
Councillor Helen Powell
Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Graddon Rowlands
Councillor Bob Russell
Councillor Bob Sampson
Councillor Susan Sandall
Councillor Bob Sandall
Councillor Trevor Scott
Councillor Ian Selby
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Jacky Smith
Councillor Peter Stephens
Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Mrs Brenda Sumner
Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Jeff Thompson
Councillor Frank Turner
Councillor Bruce Wells
Councillor Martin Wilkins
Councillor Paul Wood
Councillor Rosemary H Woolley
Councillor Raymond Wootten

OFFICERS

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director (Tracey Blackwell)
Head of Legal & Democratic Services (Lucy Youles)

OFFICERS

Head of Finance (Richard Wyles)
Principal Democracy Officer (Jo Toomey)

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47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bevan, Bisnauthsing, Higgs, Shorrock and Ian Stokes.

48. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Wells disclosed a pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 6: Health Sustainability Review and the big picture for healthcare in South Kesteven because he worked in the healthcare industry. Mr Kitt, the Chief Officer for the South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group invited Councillor Wells to stay in the meeting as the presentation was for information only and all the information contained therein was already in the public domain.

49. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2013 were proposed and seconded as a correct record. One Councillor requested that minute number 40: Communications (including Chairman's announcements) be amended. Members were reminded that the minutes of a meeting were not a verbatim record. The proposed amendment was not accepted and a vote was taken to agree the minutes as written. On being put to the vote the minutes were agreed as a correct record.

50. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS)

The Council noted the Chairman's engagements.

51. HEALTH SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW AND THE BIG PICTURE FOR HEALTHCARE IN SOUTH KESTEVEN

The Chairman introduced Allan Kitt, the Chief Officer of the South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who had been invited to give a presentation on the Lincolnshire Health Sustainability Review. Mr Kitt began his presentation by offering the apologies of Gary Thompson (the Chief Officer of the South Lincolnshire CCG) who had been detained at another meeting.

The presentation began with a summary of the drivers behind the review, which included the Frances and Keogh reports that challenged quality, the ageing population, improving technology, the emerging health and care gap, opportunities to improve outcomes and use of resources, and integration with social care.

Key work-streams of the review were: proactive care, urgent care, planned care and women and children's care. The key message coming from the review recognised that improving proactive care was the main solution. Emphasis was placed on opportunities to provide services close to home and creating a system where health and care were easy to get with reduced duplication. The review also identified benefits in providing more specialist care at fewer places but making it easier to access and integrating commissioning and provision.

Mr Kitt explained the input from the south of the county. Both south and south-west CCGs were part of the programme board and had put forward the case for patients and the population in south Lincolnshire. Members were informed that GPs and medical staff had been involved in setting the vision for the programme, as had the local health watch. The south-west CCG also brought forward its experiences from the Shaping Health for Mid-Kesteven project, which, Members were informed, complemented the sustainability review. Mr Kitt added that GPs in the south and south-west supported the plans that had emerged from the review.

A number of anticipated outcomes for the county were identified including improvements in quality, clinically sustainable services, long-term financial stability, becoming a leader in development, reshaping commissioning and service provision and significantly increasing value while significantly reducing cost.

A summary of the integration of Lincolnshire councils with health services in Lincolnshire was provided. There was strong engagement between councils and the health and well-being board while a strong partnership was growing with the CCG. A joint commissioning framework had been developed and joint teams and projects were emerging. Reference was made to single assessment systems, shared by health and social care with one outcome being the use of personalised budgets. It was hoped that a Pooled Better Care Fund covering £53m by 2017 would prove to be a key driver for joined-up local services.

Phase two of the project would take place from February to September 2014, when detailed service design would be undertaken together with public consultation, the development of relevant specifications and procurement. Phase three was the implementation of the model, which was likely to begin in the late winter and spring with a number of pilot projects and non-consultation actions. Further work on the project would review which services were delivered at all sites, what could be done centrally and where there were opportunities presented by hospital downsizing in favour of community upsizing.

A brief update was given on the Shaping Health for Mid-Kesteven programme: from 6 February 2014 the birthing unit would relocate to Lincoln. The Kingfisher Unit was scheduled to be reshaped in April 2014 while ambulatory care had started and plans for a new day surgery unit were being finalised. A project that was a national first: hospice in hospital, was due to open in July. Accident and emergency conversion work would begin after April 2014 and Councillors were advised that fewer people were using A&E facilities for minor issues.

Members of the Council were given the opportunity to ask questions of Mr Kitt. A number of Members spoke, demonstrating great strength of feeling about the importance of Grantham hospital and the impact of changes on residents across the district. The subjects of questions included:

- The proximity of Grantham to the A1 and east coast mainline railway and the potential impact of any major accident
- United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust's increasing deficit
- The number of reviews that health services had undergone
- Staffing arrangements (including the need to recruit more nurses, the impact of budget cuts on front line nursing staff and the impact of the withdrawal of military health personnel from local hospitals)
- Patient choice about the hospital to which they would be admitted
- The weight that would be given to the outcome of public consultation
- Whether the population could trust that the needs of patients would be put first
- Whether the quality of community-based treatment could be effectively monitored
- The future shape of accident and emergency services
- Using education to proactively influence the health of young people
- Safeguarding mothers' welfare and choices about where they have their baby
- The population growth that was expected in South Kesteven

A summary of the responses given is listed below:

- For procedures to be their safest and most effective they should be carried out by staff who specialised in that type of treatment, for example following a major accident on the A1 patients with critical injuries would be taken to Nottingham, which was a teaching hospital with a trauma centre and neurosurgery specialists on site. There was not the critical mass of people in Lincolnshire to warrant such specialist services. Even with the projected population growth, there would not be sufficient people to provide the necessary critical mass
- Views collected in consultation would be important in developing the detailed service proposals that supported the high-level vision and ensuring those services reflected the needs of the population. Members were also reminded that local GPs supported the vision for health services in Lincolnshire.
- The increasing deficit was attributed to the high number of agency staff and duplication of functions across different sites. It was hoped that the proposals arising from the review would begin to tackle the growing deficit leading to services that were sustainable in the long-term
- In respect of longevity, it was hoped that the Health Sustainability Review would provide a model for services for the next ten years however future reviews could be necessitated by changes to patient needs, technological developments and politicians both locally and nationally
- For patients in the south of the county, Peterborough would be the preferred hospital. The drive to increase community based provision,

particularly in the South of the county was recognised
- The reduction in the number of nurses training began 10 to 15 years ago when fewer cohorts were being trained. A new nursing school had opened at the University of Lincoln, which was developing hundreds of new nurses. Reference was also made to the difficulty of retaining staff in Lincolnshire
- It would be difficult to predict what A&E services would look like in the future however it was anticipated services would include professionals from a range of organisations including health and social care professionals together with representatives from different charities
- Local midwives were working well and encouraged women to make choices. One reason the maternity unit at Grantham had been under-utilised was attributed to mothers who chose to give birth in Nottingham

Mr Kitt added that he would look into the question on the withdrawal of military healthcare personnel and feed back through the Chief Executive.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kitt for his presentation and answering the questions of Members. Councillors showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

52. MEMBERS' REMUNERATION

Decision:

1. ***That the Council accepts the recommendations made by the Welland Independent Remuneration Panel made in its report attached as appendix 1 to report number LDS111***
2. ***That Members' allowances should continue to be index-linked to local authority pay awards***
3. ***That the Constitution be amended to incorporate the approved Scheme of Remuneration***

John Cade, the Chairman of the Welland Independent Remuneration Panel was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Cade explained the process undergone by the panel and summarised its recommendations. Members were informed that the panel used information collected during a workshop session, a timesheet exercise and an evidence-gathering session as the basis for its considerations. He explained that there was no evidence that suggested the basic allowance needed changing. Members' attention was drawn to the proposals relating to special responsibility allowances, which he summarised. These were based on a percentage of the basic allowance that was calculated using evidence of the level of responsibility that was attached to a particular role. When developing its recommendations the panel was mindful of the financial pressures under which councils were operating. The proposals would see a small saving for the Council.

The Council was informed that the indicative figures in the Panel's report, attached as an appendix to report number LDS111, were based on the allowances paid before the 1% increase was applied in line with the staff pay award. The Panel felt that index linking should continue. Finally Mr Cade expressed the thanks of the Panel to the officers who had supported the review.

Members of the Council expressed their thanks to Mr Cade and the Panel members and it was proposed and seconded that:

1. The Council accepts the recommendations made by the Welland Remuneration Panel made in its report attached as appendix 1 to report number LDS111
2. Members' allowances should continue to be index-linked to local authority pay awards
3. The Constitution be amended to incorporate the approved Scheme of Remuneration

In response to questions, Mr Cade explained that the basic allowance was for time spent by Councillors in carrying out their basic duties and could be equated to an hourly rate. Special responsibilities allowances included acknowledgement of additional time spent on duties but particularly accounted for additional responsibilities placed on individuals. He added that indexing with staff pay awards rather than the retail or consumer price index was more straightforward to calculate and being increasingly adopted as good practice by local authorities.

The proposals were put to the vote and carried.

53. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Decision:

That the Council approves the alternative arrangement of holding the vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Debbie Wren until the vacancy has been filled.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services gave a brief explanation of report number LDS116. The resignation of Councillor Debbie Wren had led to changes in the political balance of the Council. The report proposed two options: the Council could choose to carry the vacancy and make no changes to the membership of committees or it could adjust the membership of its committees to reflect the political balance of the Council. Members were reminded that further revisions would need to be made following a by-election.

Recommendation 1.1 of report number LDS116, which would hold the vacancy, was proposed and seconded.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.4, a request was made for a recorded vote; this was supported by more than ten Councillors.

(Councillor Jock Kerr was not in the Council Chamber when the recorded vote was taken).

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams Councillor Ashberry Councillor Auger Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Broughton Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs Cartwright Councillor Miss Channell Councillor Chivers Councillor Cook Councillor Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Davidson Councillor Dilks Councillor Griffin Councillor Howard Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown Councillor Vic Kerr Councillor King Councillor Morgan Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Parkin Councillor Powell Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor Bob Sandall Councillor Susan Sandall Councillor Scott Councillor Selby Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Mrs Judy Smith Councillor Peter Stephens Councillor Judy Stevens Councillor Adam Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs Taylor Councillor Taylor Councillor Thompson		

Councillor Turner Councillor Wells Councillor Wilkins Councillor Wood Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
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With all Councillors voting in support, the proposal to hold the vacancy was carried.

54. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Decision:

1. ***<u>Authorisation of PCSOs to issue fixed penalty notices</u>***

1.1 That the Scheme of Delegation to officers at page 102 of the Constitution is amended to include the authorisation to delegate to Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to serve fixed penalty notices.

2. ***<u>Members Remuneration</u>***

2.1 That the Council approves at page 293 paragraph 4 of the Constitution the addition of the words **"Co-habiting members shall only be entitled to make one claim per household for broadband allowance."**

2.2 That the recommendations listed at 1.2(2) and 1.2(3) of report number LDS117 be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for further clarification

3. ***<u>Public speaking at Development Control Committee</u>***

3.1 That the recommendation listed at 1.3 of report number LDS117 be referred for further consideration by the Constitution Committee following consultation with the Development Control Committee

The Chairman of the Constitution Committee presented report number LDS117 which proposed a number of changes to the Constitution. In presenting the report he moved recommendations 1.1 (authorisation of PCSOs to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, littering and graffiti) and 1.2(1) (clarifying that co-habiting members would only be entitled to make one claim per household) as written. He further proposed that recommendations 1.2(2) and 1.2(3) relating to members' allowances be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for further clarification and recommendation 1.3, (which related to the period of notice required to request to speak at Development Control Committee) be referred for further consideration by the Constitution Committee following consultation with the Development Control Committee. These propositions were seconded.

Several Members spoke in support of the proposals, particularly in relation to authorising Police Community Support Officers to issue fixed penalty notices. Members also welcomed the opportunity for the Development Control Committee to be consulted on the issue relating to public speaking at the Committee.

A separate vote was taken for each proposition.

Recommendation 1.1 was put to the vote and carried. Recommendation 1.2(1) was put to the vote and carried. The referral of recommendations 1.2(2) and 1.2(3) to the Governance and Audit Committee were put to the vote and carried unanimously. The referral of recommendation 1.3 for consultation with the Development Control Committee and further consideration by the Constitution Committee was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

55. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 15:50.