

MINUTES

COUNCIL

MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2014

2.00 PM



PRESENT

Councillor David Nalson Chairman

Councillor Bob Adams
Councillor Mark Ashberry
Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Pam Bosworth
Councillor Teri 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 Jock Kerr
Councillor Vic Kerr
Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal
Councillor John Nicholson
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 Rob Shorrocks
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Jacky Smith
Councillor Peter Stephens
Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Ian Stokes
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Mrs Brenda Sumner
Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Jeff Thompson
Councillor Frank Turner
Councillor Martin Wilkins
Councillor Paul Wood
Councillor Rosemary H Woolley
Councillor Raymond Wooten

OFFICERS

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Directors (Daren Turner,
Tracey Blackwell)
Head of Finance (Richard Wyles)

OFFICERS

Head of Legal and Democratic Services
(Lucy Youles)
Principal Democracy Officer (Jo Toomey)
Community Engagement and Policy
Development Officer (Carol Drury)

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56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bevan, Broughton, Higgs, Mrs Kaberry-Brown, King, Parkin and Wells.

57. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were disclosed.

58. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014 were proposed, seconded and agreed as a correct record.

59. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS)

The Chairman's communications were noted. Members' attention was drawn to a typographical error on the engagement for 28 February 2014. The description of this event referred to Grantham town council however there was no town council in Grantham.

60. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Decision:

That the Council adopts the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 relating to recorded votes for budget decisions and approves the amendment to the Constitution to incorporate the amendment in the Council Procedures and the Budget and Policy Framework Rules as follows:

- ***Council Procedures at page 135 of the Constitution, paragraph 16.4***

And

- ***Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules at page 164, paragraph 3***

With the words:

“A recorded vote shall be taken in respect of any vote for a decision or against a decision or any abstention from voting on any decision relating to the making of calculations in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 at any budget decision meeting of the Council.”

In proposing the recommendations in report number LDS120 on changes to Standing Orders for voting on Budget decisions, the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Communication explained that the change was necessary because of new Regulations. The proposition was seconded. In response to a question, the Monitoring Officer clarified that the new Standing Orders would only cover votes on substantive items, not proposed amendments.

On being put to the vote the proposal was carried.

61. DETERMINATION OF BUDGET 2014/15 (AND INDICATIVE FOR 2015/16 AND 2016/17) - GENERAL FUND, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND ASSOCIATED CAPITAL PROGRAMMES

Decision:

PART A

The Council agrees:

In relation to the General Fund – Revenue

- a. **to set a General Fund budget requirement of £13.185M for 2014/15 shown at Appendix A of report number HOF267 (inclusive of special expenses) taking into consideration the savings and efficiencies shown at Appendix B of report number HOF267**
- b. **to approve a Council Tax freeze (no increase) for 2014/15**
- c. **to note the indicative base estimates for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as detailed in the summary at Appendix A of report number HOF267**
- d. **to approve the fees and charges as shown at Appendix C of report number HOF267**

In relation to the General Fund – Capital

- e. **to approve the General Fund Capital programme for 2014/15 to 2018/19 detailed at Appendix D page 1 of report number HOF267**
- f. **to approve the Capital Financing statement detailed at Appendix D page 2 of report number HOF267**

In relation to the General Fund - Reserves and Balances

- g. **to approve the use of reserves as detailed at Appendix E of report number HOF267**

Management and prudential indicators

- h. **to approve the Treasury Management Strategy provided at Appendix F of report number HOF267**

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account - Revenue

- i. **to approve dwelling rent increases in accordance with Government guideline rent providing an average rent of £78.13 (an average rental increase of 5.13%)**
- j. **to approve an increase in garage rents of 3.2%**
- k. **to approve an increase in service charges by 3.2%**
- l. **to approve the Housing Revenue Account for the year 2014/15 (including the items at Appendix H in the report) and indicative years**

2015/16 and 2016/17 shown at Appendix G of report number HOF267

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account - Capital

- m. approve the indicative Housing Investment Programme for 2014/15 to 2018/19 detailed at Appendix I page 1 of report number HOF267**
- n. approve the Capital Financing statement detailed at Appendix I page 2 of report number HOF267**

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account - Reserves and balances

- o. to approve the use of the reserves as detailed at Appendix J of report number HOF267**

Pay Policy Statement

- p. to approve the pay policy statement shown at Appendix K of report number HOF267**

PART B

In accordance with paragraphs 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, the Council adopts:

- 1) That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)**
 - a) £60,393,983 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act (including special expense and parish precepts).**
 - b) £45,804,502 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act.**
 - c) £14,589,481 being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.**
 - d) £7,048,000 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant increased by the amount of the sum to be transferred from the Collection Fund to the General Fund**
 - e) £173.33 being the amount at c) above less the amount at d) above, all divided by the Council's tax base of 43,522.40 as recorded in minute 28 of the cabinet meeting of 2 December 2013, in accordance Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for**

the year 2014/15.

- f) £1,993,759 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- g) £127.47 being the amount of e) above, less the result given by dividing the amount of f) above by the Council's tax base relating to special items as set on 2 December 2013, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.
- h) Part of the Council's area being calculated by adding to the amount at (g) above the amounts of special item relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area, divided in each case by the individual tax bases as recorded in minute 33 in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special item relates.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Adjusted Band D Equivalents</u>
	No.
Grantham combined	9,823.84
Stamford combined	6,621.43
Bourne Combined	4,801.87
Allington	335.73
Ancaster	529.97
Aslackby	102.52
Barholm & Stowe	32.79
Barkston and Syston combined	243.04
Barrowby	672.69
Baston	520.94
Belton & Manthorpe	199.92
Billingborough	441.69
Bitchfield & Bassingthorpe	52.96
Boothby Pagnell	59.51
Braceborough & Wilsthorpe	138.22
Ropsley, Humby, Braceby, Sapperton combined	311.15
Burton Coggles	36.45
Careby	72.11
Carlby	200.91
Carlton Scroop and Normanton combined	117.48
Castle Bytham	287.41
Caythorpe & Frieston	505.88
Claypole	496.92

Colsterwoth, Gunby & Stainby, North Witham combined	708.15
Corby Glen & Birkholme	381.41
Counthorpe & Creeton	27.25
Deeping St James	2,322.04
Denton	117.91
Dowsby	52.88
Dunsby	43.72
Stoke Rochford and Easton combined	81.62
Edenham	103.79
Fenton	56.87
Folkingham	264.58
Foston	209.88
Fulbeck	211.25
Greatford	123.52
Great Gonerby	700.90
Great Ponton	118.83
Haconby & Stainfield	179.23
Harlaxton	325.93
Heydour	148.75
Honington	64.95
Horbling	147.40
Hougham	79.53
Hough-on-the-Hill	158.43
Ingoldsby	108.48
Irnham	105.71
Kirkby Underwood	76.95
Langtoft	734.16
Lenton, Keisby & Osgodby	65.08
Little Bytham	105.58
Little Ponton & Stroxton	63.78
Londonthorpe & Harrowby without combined	1,642.49
Long Bennington	874.08
Market Deeping	1,927.36
Marston	144.59
Morton & Hanthorpe	784.53
Old Somerby	85.85
Pickworth	73.71
Pointon & Sempringham	183.57
Rippingale	323.41
Sedgebrook	141.92
Skillington	128.26
South Witham	435.93
Stubton	71.36
Swayfield	138.36

Swinstead	72.28
Tallington	192.36
Thurlby	778.39
Toft Lound & Manthorpe	136.12
Uffington	311.58
Welby	77.38
Westborough & Dry Doddington	144.42
West Deeping	113.28
Witham-on-the-Hill	94.60
Woolsthorpe	133.91
Wyville cum Hungerton	18.62

- i) *The amounts on the attached schedule (Appendix A to Part B), being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at g) above and h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band 'D', calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.*
- j) *That it be noted that for the year 2014/15, Lincolnshire County Council has stated the following amounts as a precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-*

Valuation Band

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
710.46	828.87	947.28	1065.69	1302.51	1539.33	1776.15	2131.38

- k) *That it be noted that for the year 2014/15, Police and Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts as a precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-*

Valuation Band

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
129.24	150.78	172.32	193.86	236.94	280.02	323.10	387.72

- l) *That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at i), j) and k) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of*

the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts in Appendix B to Part B of report number HOF267 as the levels of Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix A to Part B of report number HOF267.

In proposing the budget for 2014/15 and indicative budgets to 2016/17 – General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and associated capital programmes as presented in report number HOF267, the Leader drew Members' attention to some of the work that had taken place in 2013/14 and plans for 2014/15. She referred to projects that promoted the district including the Stamford Georgian Festival, Destination SK and a pilot fund to support new businesses. She also made reference to Gravity Fields 2014 and Enterprise Week. She framed the proposed budget in the context of the national economy, which was showing signs of improvement, while highlighting the need to make ongoing savings while investing in those areas that were priorities for the district's residents. The proposal was seconded.

The Portfolio Holders for Strategic Resources – Well Run Council and Good Housing each spoke about a range of issues relevant to their Portfolios:

General Fund

- Continuing reductions in the level of Revenue Support Grant
- The rate at which funding reduction has occurred
- Retention of some income from business rates
- The production of a new Medium Term Financial Strategy
- The achievement of £2.4m savings over three-years while continuing investment in council priorities

Housing Revenue Account

- Construction of new council housing
- The impact of the self-financing of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) on the HRA business plan and its ongoing review
- Development of a new medium term Housing Strategy, Housing Revenue Asset Management Strategy and updated Tenancy and Allocations Policies
- Delivery and maintenance of the decent homes programme for council properties
- Changes to the method of delivery of the Repairs service
- The impact of the government's policy of rent convergence on council tenants

An amendment proposing a district councillors' community fund was proposed and seconded:

"I propose that a district councillors Community Fund of £500pa per Councillor (total £29,000pa) is established to be spent on local community projects.

Individual Councillors will be responsible for proposing or supporting local community projects in their Ward area and have a budget of up to £500 to allocate.

The scheme will run as a pilot for a 2-year period covering the years 2014/15 and 2015/16. After this period the scheme will be reviewed.

The Head of Finance will be responsible for approving the expenditure following submission of an appraisal form submitted by the Councillor.

The appraisal will have to demonstrate that the project

- *Supports one of SKDC's key objectives*
- *Is a benefit to the local community*
- *That there is a need in the local community for the project*
- *That it is value for money*

The budget for this would be financed from the General Fund Reserves 'other priority and service improvements' which shows an estimated balance of £1.187m as at 31 March 2014

This amendment would retain the proposed Council Tax levels and maintain a robust overall budget."

Those Councillors who spoke in support of the amendment highlighted the potential advantages such a fund could provide for local community groups, citing specific examples of local sports clubs and communities wishing to acquire a defibrillator. Comparisons were drawn with a similar scheme run by Lincolnshire County Council (referred to favourably), where Members had £2,000 to spend on community projects in their division. One Councillor read from a paper that had been produced when the issue was previously proposed. The localism agenda and the role of the Councillor in the local community were also put forward as arguments in favour of the proposal; also mentioned was the expectation for local communities to take responsibility for delivering services previously provided by the County Council (e.g. libraries).

Members speaking against the amendment referred to the complexity of the administration of such a fund, negative experiences of the County Council scheme and the risk that the funding could be used to raise the profile of incumbent councillors seeking re-election in 2015, also that direct links between the amendment and Council priorities should have been highlighted. It was further suggested that the proposing of any such scheme might more appropriately be addressed through the Council's policy development process.

In accordance with council procedure rule 16.4 a request was made for a recorded vote. As the request received the support of more than ten Members, a recorded vote was duly taken.

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Ashberry	Councillor Adams	
Councillor Bisnauthsing	Councillor Auger	
Councillor Channell	Councillor Mrs Bosworth	
Councillor Davidson	Councillor Bryant	
Councillor Dilks	Councillor Carpenter	
Councillor Howard	Councillor Mrs Cartwright	
Councillor J Kerr	Councillor Chivers	
Councillor V Kerr	Councillor Cook	

Councillor Morgan	Councillor Cooke	
Councillor Powell	Councillor Cosham	
Councillor Sampson	Councillor Craft	
Councillor B Sandall	Councillor Griffin	
Councillor S Sandall	Councillor Nalson	
Councillor Selby	Councillor Mrs Neal	
Councillor Shorrock	Councillor Nicholson	
Councillor Stevens	Councillor Robins	
Councillor Wood	Councillor Rowlands	
	Councillor Russell	
	Councillor Scott	
	Councillor Jacky Smith	
	Councillor John Smith	
	Councillor Mrs Judy Smith	
	Councillor Stephens	
	Councillor A Stokes	
	Councillor I Stokes	
	Councillor Mrs Sumner	
	Councillor Mrs J Taylor	
	Councillor M Taylor	
	Councillor Thompson	
	Councillor Turner	
	Councillor Wilkins	
	Councillor Woolley	
	Councillor Wootten	
17	33	0

A question was asked on the HRA element of the proposed budget; Members were informed that where it was appropriate the council would look at buying back properties in favour of new build, for instance when there was a single flat amidst a block of council-owned flats.

A further amendment to the budget was proposed and seconded:

“It is recommended that SKDC approves the implementation of a First 2 Hour Free Parking on Saturdays Pilot Scheme for Grantham and Stamford short term car parks for the duration of 201/15 at an estimated cost of £64k.

The pilot will allow visitors to Grantham and Stamford town centres to obtain a parking ticket with the first 2 hours parking free. Visitor may opt to top this up if they wish to stay in the short-term car park longer.

The scheme will offer the opportunity to identify the impact of free parking on Grantham and Stamford town centre local economies. It will also support Grantham Saturday market encouraging visitors to Grantham on market day.

During the Pilot the impact on footfall and shop revenue will be monitored to identify if there has been an increase in footfall and/or customer spend.

The budget requirement of £65k (sic) is based on the cost of implementation and

estimated lost car parking revenue.

The fund would be taken from the General Fund Reserve Statement item General Fund – Revenue Reserves – Community Based Initiatives – Other priority and service improvements. This fund is shown as being £1.787m balance at 31 March 2014 with forecast balance at 31 March 2017 showing at £860k at present. The proposed Movement on Reserve is £600k for 2014/15. It is proposed this is amended to £664k to support the pilot scheme.

Given a priority objective of SKDC is economic development, the proposed means of funding this scheme is appropriate and should be supported.

Should the 2hr Saturday free parking scheme be successful then a review of future funding will take place. It has however been identified that marginal increases across car park fees would make the scheme self-funding in future.

NOTE: Bourne and Market Deeping already have free parking and are therefore exempt from the scheme.”

In proposing the amendment, specific reference was made to reports in the local media and requests from local businesses, supporting local markets and SKDC's 'Grow the Economy' priority. A similar scheme had been trialled by local businesses although there was no evidence available to demonstrate any outcomes. It was hoped that the proposal would drive visitors to SKDC car parks with the opportunity to top-up rather than car parks at supermarkets and retail parks, with strict, non-extendable time limits.

Those speaking against the amendment challenged whether it would have the desired effect of encouraging people to stay in town centres for longer; they suggested that people would try and deal with all their business before the free parking period expired. There was a feeling amongst members who did not support the amendment that the local offer was more important than the cost of parking. Reference was made to increased availability of on-street car parking in Stamford since the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement. Again it was suggested that the proposal might have most appropriately been discussed at Resources PDG as part of its considerations on car parking charges. The Economic Development Portfolio Holder added that while the proposers claimed to be speaking on behalf of local businesses, no similar requests had been made directly by local business people to the Council.

Members were informed that the cost of the proposed scheme (£64k) included implementation and loss of earnings but did not include any costs associated with monitoring and analysing outcomes.

The proposer of the original motion was given the opportunity to sum-up. She urged Councillors to vote against the amendment. On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

16:09-16:30 The meeting adjourned

Debate on the substantive proposition continued. Comments were made relating to a range of topics:

- The Right to Buy was protected by legislation but there was a floor below which the price to buy could not fall
- Provision of 'green' accommodation and efforts to reduce the likelihood of households falling into fuel poverty
- The increase shown in the revenue reserves was the annual payment of New Homes Bonus
- Savings of £100k were achieved through re-letting of the grounds maintenance contract
- 4 apprentices had been taken on by the Repairs teams; provision for future apprenticeships had been mainstreamed in the HRA
- Ongoing provision of the Council's frontline services had not been affected by reductions in funding
- If interest rates were to unexpectedly improve, then the council would experience improved performance on overnight and future investments.

In summing up the Leader addressed all the points raised by those Councillors who spoke on the budget proposals. She re-stated about the drive for promoting the district and improving the local economy. She also referred to the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme, the council's community wifi scheme and the proposals to redevelop St Catherine's Road in Grantham. She said that the proposed budget would enhance the environment, promote economic growth and protect the most vulnerable, supporting the Council's priorities and moving towards a sustainable footing in the future.

The proposals were put to the vote in blocks, as per the recommendations in report number HOF267 and detailed below.

(Councillors J Kerr, V Kerr and Turner had left the meeting before the votes were taken).

PART A

In relation to the General Fund – Revenue (recorded Vote on recommendations a to d)

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams	Councillor Ashberry	
Councillor Auger	Councillor Davidson	
Councillor Bisnauthsing	Councillor Dilks	
Councillor Mrs Bosworth	Councillor Morgan	
Councillor Bryant	Councillor Powell	
Councillor Carpenter	Councillor Selby	
Councillor Mrs Cartwright	Councillor Shorrock	
Councillor Channell	Councillor Wood	
Councillor Chivers		
Councillor Cook		
Councillor Cooke		
Councillor Cosham		
Councillor Craft		
Councillor Griffin		
Councillor Howard		
Councillor Nalson		
Councillor Mrs Neal		

Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor S Sandall Councillor Scott Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Mrs Judy Smith Councillor Stephens Councillor Stevens Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Wilkins Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
39	8	0

In relation to the General Fund – Capital (recorded Vote on recommendations e and f)

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams Councillor Auger Councillor Bisnauthsing Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs Cartwright Councillor Channell Councillor Chivers Councillor Cook Councillor Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Griffin Councillor Howard Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor S Sandall	Councillor Ashberry Councillor Davidson Councillor Dilks Councillor Morgan Councillor Powell Councillor Selby Councillor Shorrocks Councillor Wood	

Councillor Scott		
Councillor Jacky Smith		
Councillor John Smith		
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith		
Councillor Stephens		
Councillor Stevens		
Councillor A Stokes		
Councillor I Stokes		
Councillor Mrs Sumner		
Councillor Mrs J Taylor		
Councillor M Taylor		
Councillor Thompson		
Councillor Wilkins		
Councillor Woolley		
Councillor Wootten		
39	8	0

In relation to the General Fund – Reserves and Balances (recorded Vote on recommendation g)

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams	Councillor Ashberry	
Councillor Auger	Councillor Davidson	
Councillor Bisnauthsing	Councillor Dilks	
Councillor Mrs Bosworth	Councillor Morgan	
Councillor Bryant	Councillor Powell	
Councillor Carpenter	Councillor Selby	
Councillor Mrs Cartwright	Councillor Shorrocks	
Councillor Channell	Councillor Wood	
Councillor Chivers		
Councillor Cook		
Councillor Cooke		
Councillor Cosham		
Councillor Craft		
Councillor Griffin		
Councillor Howard		
Councillor Nalson		
Councillor Mrs Neal		
Councillor Nicholson		
Councillor Robins		
Councillor Rowlands		
Councillor Russell		
Councillor Sampson		
Councillor B Sandall		
Councillor S Sandall		
Councillor Scott		
Councillor Jacky Smith		
Councillor John Smith		
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith		
Councillor Stephens		
Councillor Stevens		

Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Wilkins Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
39	8	0

Management and prudential indicators (recorded Vote on recommendation h)

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams Councillor Auger Councillor Bisnauthsing Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs Cartwright Councillor Channell Councillor Chivers Councillor Cook Councillor Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Griffin Councillor Howard Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor S Sandall Councillor Scott Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Mrs Judy Smith Councillor Stephens Councillor Stevens Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson	Councillor Ashberry Councillor Davidson Councillor Dilks Councillor Morgan Councillor Powell Councillor Selby Councillor Wood	Councillor Shorrocks

Councillor Wilkins Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
39	7	1

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account – Revenue, Capital and Reserves and Balances (electronic vote on recommendations i to o)

On being put to the vote, this was carried.

Pay Policy Statement (electronic vote on recommendation p)

On being put to the vote, this was carried.

PART B

Council Tax Setting (recorded vote on recommendations a to l)

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams	Councillor Davidson	Councillor Ashberry
Councillor Auger	Councillor Dilks	
Councillor Bisnauthsing	Councillor Morgan	
Councillor Mrs Bosworth	Councillor Powell	
Councillor Bryant	Councillor Selby	
Councillor Carpenter	Councillor Shorrocks	
Councillor Mrs Cartwright	Councillor Wood	
Councillor Channell		
Councillor Chivers		
Councillor Cook		
Councillor Cooke		
Councillor Cosham		
Councillor Craft		
Councillor Griffin		
Councillor Howard		
Councillor Nalson		
Councillor Mrs Neal		
Councillor Nicholson		
Councillor Robins		
Councillor Rowlands		
Councillor Russell		
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Councillor Scott		
Councillor Jacky Smith		
Councillor John Smith		
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith		
Councillor Stephens		
Councillor Stevens		
Councillor A Stokes		

Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Wilkins Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
39	7	1

62. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Decision:

That the Council makes the following appointments to outside bodies:

1. Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

- ***Councillor Bob Russell***

2. Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board

- ***Councillor Nick Craft***
- ***Councillor Mike Taylor***
- ***Councillor Frank Turner***

3. Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board

- ***Councillor Ray Auger***
- ***Councillor Paul Cosham***
- ***Councillor Reg Howard***
- ***Councillor Jacky Smith***

Report number LDS119 explained that the Council was required to make appointments to the three internal drainage boards that operated in South Kesteven. The Leader proposed the following appointments, which were seconded.

Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	Councillor Bob Russell
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	Councillor Nick Craft Councillor Mike Taylor Councillor Frank Turner
Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board	Councillor Ray Auger Councillor Paul Cosham Councillor Reg Howard Councillor Jacky Smith

An amendment was proposed and seconded:

“That those wishing to be considered to serve as this Council’s representatives on outside bodies be given the opportunity to put forward a written resume of the experience and qualifications relevant to the particular role under consideration, to enable councillors to properly consider each candidate on their merit to ensure that this Council appoints the best possible representatives to outside bodies.”

As the meeting had been in progress for almost three hours, it was proposed and seconded in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.10(vii) that the meeting should continue. On being put to the vote this was carried.

Those Members who spoke against the amendment highlighted ongoing business on the drainage boards where continuity was critical. There was also some concern that the proposed amendment would delay appointments. Opponents also challenged that the only members who would be able to evidence suitable skills and experience were those who already represented the Council on the drainage boards. Reference was made to current arrangements which had seen those nominating a prospective representative summarising the reasons they believed them to be suitable for the role.

The Members who supported the amendment felt that presenting a resume would clearly evidence an individual’s suitability and enthusiasm for a post. They also acknowledged that in many instances the incumbent was likely to be the candidate with relevant experience and knowledge, particularly in respect of appointments to specialist bodies like internal drainage boards. It was added that there would be no need to delay making appointments to the Internal Drainage Boards if the Council approved the principle for use when making future appointments.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost. A vote was taken on the substantive motion, which was carried.

Following the vote, Councillor Smith as the Council’s representative on the Local Government Association Rural Commission gave a brief update. Report number LDS119 explained that the Local Government Association Urban Commission had been disbanded; Councillor Smith explained that the Rural Commission had been similarly disbanded and would be replaced by a People and Places Board.

63. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 17:34.