

Council



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Thursday, 15 July 2021 at 1.00 pm
The Meres Leisure Centre, Trent Rd,
Grantham. NG31 7XQ

Members: Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin, Chairman of the Council (Chairman)
Councillor Ian Stokes, Vice-Chairman of the Council (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Bob Adams	Councillor Ashley Baxter	Councillor David Bellamy
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing	Councillor Mrs Pam Bosworth	Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor George Chivers	Councillor Louise Clack	Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor John Cottier	Councillor Helen Crawford	Councillor John Dawson
Councillor Phil Dilks	Councillor Barry Dobson	Councillor Mike Exton
Councillor Paul Fellows	Councillor Helen Goral	Councillor Jan Hansen
Councillor Graham Jeal	Councillor Gloria Johnson	Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Anna Kelly	Councillor Ms Jane Kingman	Councillor Philip Knowles
Councillor Matthew Lee	Councillor Nikki Manterfield	Councillor Annie Mason
Councillor Penny Milnes	Councillor Virginia Moran	Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Councillor Dr Peter Moseley	Councillor Robert Reid	Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Penny Robins	Councillor Susan Sandall	Councillor Ian Selby
Councillor Adam Stokes	Councillor Jacky Smith	Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor Lee Steptoe	Councillor Judy Stevens	Councillor Jill Thomas
Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew	Councillor Sarah Trotter	Councillor Dean Ward
Councillor Hannah Westropp	Councillor Hilary Westropp	Councillor Amanda Wheeler
Councillor Mark Whittington	Councillor Jane Wood	Councillor Paul Wood
Councillor Sue Woolley	Councillor Linda Wooten	Councillor Ray Wooten

Agenda

For those Councillors who wish to attend, prayers will be held at 12:55pm before the commencement of the meeting. Please be seated by 12:50pm.

1. Public Open Forum

The public open forum will commence at **1.00 p.m.** and the following formal business of the Council will commence at **1.30 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.

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4. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 20 May 2021** (Pages 5 - 13)
5. **Communications (including Chairman's Announcements)** (Page 15)
6. **Removal of allocation and use of named substitutes** (Pages 17 - 19)

This report proposes the removal of the allocation and use of named substitutes to enable political groups greater flexibility in being represented on the Council's Committees.

7. **Members' Open Questions**

A 45-minute period in which members may ask questions of the Leader, Cabinet Members, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and opposition group leaders excluding the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, Licensing and Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Licensing Committees and Governance and Audit Committee.

8. **Notices of Motion given under Article 4.9 of the Council's Constitution:**

a) **Councillor Annie Mason, Cabinet Member for People and Safer Communities**

The Mental Health Challenge for Local Authorities

As we look to the recovery phase of the COVID-19 crisis, it is essential that the Council puts the Mental Wellbeing of residents, staff and elected members at the forefront of our agenda. Therefore, we ask the Council to sign the Mental Health Challenge for Local Authorities, set out below:

This Council believes:

- As a local authority, we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental wellbeing for everyone in our community.
- Mental wellbeing should be a priority across all the Authority's areas of responsibility, including, housing, community safety, engagement, planning and leisure.
- All elected members in our community and in casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental wellbeing on an individual and strategic basis.

This Council resolves:

- To sign up to the Mental Health Challenge for Local Authorities.
- To appoint an elected member as the Council's 'Mental Health Champion'.
- To identify a member of staff within the Council to act as 'Lead Officer' for mental health and wellbeing.
- To form a working party made up of cross-party members and officers to meet every 8 weeks, all members and officers, which will take a lead role and ownership of activity.

The Council will also:

- Support positive mental wellbeing in our community, including neighbourhoods and workplaces.
- Support positive mental wellbeing within our own workforce and elected members.
- Consider mental wellbeing in decision making and policy.
- Work with local partners including Lincolnshire County Council and the Voluntary Sector.

- Engage with Lincolnshire County Council strategy and activity and the Joint Health & Wellbeing Board for Lincolnshire.

This Council notes:

- The Joint Health and Wellbeing Board for Lincolnshire plays an active role in the health and wellbeing of our District and it is vital as we move forward that any activities, projects or interventions we promote locally are mindful of the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and are complementary to the work of our county partners.
- Mental Health issues for Adults and Children are within the remit of Health partners
- This Authority's role within this challenge will specifically focus on mental wellbeing and wellness.

b) Councillor Louise Clack

This Council:

- is concerned about the number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year, regarding animals given as prizes via fairgrounds, social media and other channels in the UK - and notes the issue predominantly concerns goldfish.
- is concerned for the welfare of those animals that are being given as prizes.
- recognises that many cases of animals being as prizes may go unreported each year.
- supports a move to ban the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on South Kesteven District Council owned land.

The Council agrees to:

- ban outright the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on South Kesteven District land.
- write to the UK Government, urging an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land – Councillor Louise Clack to action this.