REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

REPORT NO: LDS119

DATE: 3 March 2014

TITLE:	Representatives on Outside Bodies	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:		
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Paul Carpenter Portfolio: Governance and Communication	
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INITIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS: **Equality and Diversity**	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below N/A	Full impact assessment Required:
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Your Council and Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Council appoints representatives to:

- **Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board (1 rep)**
- **Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board (3 reps)**
- **Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board (4 reps)**

until March 2017

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

2.1 To seek appointments to the three Internal Drainage Boards operating within South Kesteven and to inform members of recent changes to the Local Government Association Urban Commission.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Internal Drainage Boards - vacancies

3.1 South Kesteven District Council nominates representatives to a number of varying outside bodies. The majority of appointments are for a four-year period which usually coincides with the quadrennial elections. Other appointments have different durations or run between different dates. The appointment to some of the bodies to which SKDC nominates representatives has expired.

3.2 The Council is asked to make appointments to the three Internal Drainage Boards that operate within South Kesteven. Current representatives to those Boards are listed below:

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

3.3 Appointments cover the period from March 2014 to March 2017. Any appointments made will be reconsidered as appropriate following the district council elections in May 2015.

Local Government Association Urban Commission

3.4 The Council has previously made annual appointments to the Local Government Association Urban Commission

3.5 The LGA has recently undertaken a major review of its governance structures. The proposals from the review were agreed at a Special Meeting of the LGA General Assembly on 23 January. One of the changes agreed is the establishment of a new Cities Regions Board. This will meet four times a year and its work will include growth, transport infrastructure, skills and wider public service reform. The new Board and an annual Urban Conference will provide the focus for future work on cities and urban policy and, as a result, the General Assembly agreed to disband the Urban Commission. No future appointment will be required to that Board

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 The Council could decline to make an appointment or appointments unless there was any legal requirement to do so.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Travelling expenses are payable to Councillors who attend meetings of outside bodies to which they have been appointed by the Council. Provision is made with the Legal and Democratic Services budget for the payment of travel expenses.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION

6.1 The Council should make any appointments of representatives to outside bodies in accordance with the provisions in the Council's Constitution and where statutory requirements exist, the Member with the appropriate office should be appointed.

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS

7.1 Not applicable

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Not applicable

9. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1 Any financial implications arising from this report are taken account of through the budget-setting process.

10. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

10.1 Part 2, Article 4.2(iv) of the Council's Constitution states that one of the Council's functions is appointing representatives to outside bodies.

10.2 There is now no longer any requirement to register appointment to such bodies as disclosable pecuniary interests unless remuneration by way of profit or gain is received from the body for attendance or shares or land are held by the Member appointed as a trustee or otherwise.

10.3 In the event that a conflict of interest arises for any Member appointed between the interests of the Council and the interests of the body, an interest may need to be disclosed whenever the issue to which the interest relates is discussed.

11. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

11.1 None

12. APPENDICES:

12.1 None