

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER

REPORT NO. DLS5

DATE: 28TH OCTOBER 2004

TITLE:	REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES: GRANTHAM COLLEGE – ENGINEERING FOCUS GROUP
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	N/A
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	N/A
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	NO

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Democratic representation Cultural Portfolio – Councillor Mrs F. Cartwright
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Community Leadership
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	None
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Letter dated 20.09.04 from the Director of Market Development, Grantham College (DLS file C.1/7)

1. INTRODUCTION OR SUMMARY

The Council has received a formal request from the Director of Market Development at Grantham College for it to nominate a Councillor representative to sit on its Engineering Focus Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council determines whether it wishes to accede to the request for formal representation on the Grantham College Engineering Focus Group, and if so, to nominate Councillor Alan Parkin or an alternative representative.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

During his year of office as Mayor of Grantham, Councillor Parkin was approached by the Chairman of the Governors to sit on the Grantham College's Arts and Technical Committee having regard to his professional background as a Chartered Engineer. Councillor Parkin attended these meetings as a private individual.

The College has recently been successful in its bid to the Learning & Skills Council to become a Centre of Vocational Excellence for Engineering (Multi-Skilling Maintenance). The aim of the CoVE is to work with employers to develop multi-skilled maintenance engineering training programmes to suit the needs of their staff. It is the aim of the College to consult businesses at all stages in the development of the CoVe to ensure it delivers what businesses require, either locally or in its new facility.

To support the aims of the CoVE, the College has set up an Engineering Focus Group, the terms of reference of which include a representative from SKDC. (The terms of reference are attached as an appendix to this report.)

The College has requested that, in view of his previous association and professional background, Councillor Parkin be nominated as the Council's representative on this body.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED

- (1) To not accede to the request for representation: the Council would decline an opportunity to have an input into this important educational facility within the community and involvement with the business sector. There are no cost implications;
- (2) To nominate another member other than Councillor Parkin: it is for the Council to determine the merits of any other nominations put forward.

5. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES

None

6. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)

None

7. CONTACT OFFICER

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