

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Head of Planning Policy & Economic Regeneration

REPORT NO. PLA.552

DATE: 26th January 2006

TITLE:	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE GRANTHAM CANAL PARTNERSHIP
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:	Cllr John Smith; Economic Development Portfolio
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Town centres
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	None
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	This report is publicly available via the "Local Democracy" link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	None

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND SUMMARY

In the light of the Council's commitment to progress the redevelopment of the Grantham Canal Basin area, and a commitment to work in partnership with British Waterways, Lincolnshire County Council and Lincolnshire Enterprise to realise these ambitions, it is appropriate to review the level of representation on the Grantham Canal Partnership.

2. DETAILS OF REPORT

The Grantham Canal Partnership is a body representing local authority, private sector and voluntary interests. Its principal focus is the restoration of the Grantham Canal. The District Council provides financial support to the partnership.

The Council's Town Centre Action Plan has identified the regeneration of the Grantham Canal Basin area as a priority action. In this connection the District Council is working in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council, British Waterways and Lincolnshire Enterprise to realise a shared vision for the site.

The significance of this project to the regeneration of the town centre, and the uplift of Grantham's sub-regional role (a category A priority) makes it extremely important that there is an appropriate level of representation upon the partnership, a point echoed by other canal basin partners. It is considered therefore that future representation on the Partnership should be at cabinet level.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That with immediate effect the District Council's representative upon the Grantham Canal Partnership shall be the serving Economic Development portfolio holder of the Cabinet.

4. CONTACT OFFICER

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