

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 28TH APRIL 2006

11. ISSUES FOR SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL ARISING OUT OF A REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT ON LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION: That the contents of the Corporate Governance report on Lincolnshire County Council and the issues this raises for South Kesteven DC be referred to the relevant Development and Scrutiny Panel for detailed discussion and then to the Cabinet for conclusion and recommendation.

Members had before them the Chief Executive's report number CEX288 which summarised key aspects arising from the Audit Commission's report on the County Council from which he suggested a number of important lessons could be learnt by this authority. He acknowledged that the report did not make comfortable reading and challenged several long held assumptions and beliefs.

It was proposed and seconded that the report be referred to the relevant DSP and the Cabinet before the Council reaches any firm conclusions and recommendations for action. A member expressed concern that he did not see why this document should not be discussed at this meeting. He suggested it raised issues of fundamental importance, not just about Council policy but about democracy. The Council had two options; either to learn lessons in good spirit and good time or not to do that which would lead the community in painful struggle. He moved that the report be discussed at this meeting but the motion failed to find a seconder. After a member had commented on the training issues referred to in the report, a vote was taken on the motion to refer the matter to the DSP and Cabinet.