

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: IAN YATES (STRATEGIC DIRECTOR)

REPORT NO: SD10

DATE: 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>WELLAND JOINT COMMITTEE – SHARED PROCUREMENT SERVICES</b>
<b>FORWARD PLAN ITEM:</b>	Yes
<b>DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2006
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>	Policy Framework Proposal

<b>COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR MRS LINDA NEAL LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>	
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>	This report is available via the Local Democracy link on the Council's website <a href="http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk">www.southkesteven.gov.uk</a>	
<b>INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Carried out and appended to report?</b>  <b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Full impact assessment required?</b>  <b>No</b>
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	CEX 357A – Future participation by SKDC in Welland and Lincolnshire Shared Services. CEX 322 - Nominations to Welland Joint Committee. DLS82 – Welland Joint Committee – Shared Procurement Services	

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Following on from the Cabinet decision to disengage from the Welland Partnership, it is now necessary to put forward a report to Council to reverse the decision to delegate to the Welland Joint Committee authority to carry out the functions of procurement on behalf of the Council. In

addition the individuals originally nominated to the Welland Joint Committee also need to be de-designated.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Council removes the delegation to the Welland Joint Committee authority to carry out the functions of procurement.
- 2.2 To de-designate the Leader (Councillor Mrs Linda Neal) and the Deputy Leader (Councillor Paul Carpenter) and their substitutes Councillor John Smith and Councillor Terl Bryant as voting members on the Welland Joint Committee.

## **3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 3.1 As part of the Welland Shared Services initiative the Council agreed to delegate certain procurement functions to the Welland Joint Committee. In doing so it also nominated members to the Joint Committee which would have made decisions in respect of the Welland Procurement shared service as well as other future potential services. However, the Chief Executive's report CEX357A to Cabinet explained that taking all factors into account it was the judgement of the Strategic Management Team that the interests of the residents of South Kesteven would be best served by the Council's continued participation in the Lincolnshire enhanced two-tier partnership and that the Council should inform it's Welland colleagues that it would be formally withdrawing from that partnership. Therefore as a matter of formality we need now reverse the decisions taken in respect of the Welland Procurement Partnership. The Lincolnshire shared procurement service is making progress and further details will be reported in the near future.

## **4. COMMENTS OF SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 4.1 No financial comments.

## **5. COMMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER**

- 5.1 At its meeting on the 8th January 2007, Cabinet made a decision to withdraw from the Welland shared services initiative relating to procurement whilst safeguarding the Council's position in relation to current projects with the Welland involving I.T. projects. Both the joint committee and the delegated authority referred to in this report relate to the procurement shared service. It is, therefore, appropriate that the Council withdraw from representation on the Welland Joint Committee and the delegation to the Welland Joint Committee be removed.

## **6. CONTACT OFFICER**

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