

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Democracy Service Manager

REPORT NO. DEM009

DATE: 3rd March 2008

TITLE:	Representatives on Outside Bodies	
COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Ray Auger, Portfolio Access & Engagement	
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Access	
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	None	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	This report is publicly available on the Council's website via the Local democracy link	
INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Carried out and appended to report? Not Applicable	Full impact assessment required? No
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Democracy Services file containing correspondence to outside bodies and responses received in relation to those seeking appointments.	

1. INTRODUCTION

This report concerns appointments required to fill two vacancies on Grantham Future, and to make new or re-appointments for new terms of office starting on 1st April 2008 in respect of the three Internal Drainage Boards to whom the district council pays a levy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council invites nominations for representatives at the meeting and:

(1) appoints one member to represent the district council on the Grantham Future strategy group and one member to represent the district council on the Grantham Future project group until May 2011;

(2) appoints one member to represent the district council on the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board until 31st March 2011;

(3) appoints two members to represent the district council on the Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board until 31st March 2011;

(4) appoints four members to represent the district council on the Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board until 31st March 2011.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

(1) Grantham Future

Two vacancies have arisen on Grantham Future (formerly known as the Grantham town centre management partnership) following the resignations tendered at the last council meeting by Councillor Mike Taylor and Councillor Nick Craft. Councillor Craft represented the council on the strategy group and Councillor Taylor on the projects group.

4. INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS

The district of South Kesteven is covered by three Internal Drainage Boards to whom the council pays an annual levy. Under the Land Drainage Act 1991, the number of members appointed to the Boards by charging authorities has to be determined every three years. The number of local authority appointees to each board is proportionate to the amount of levy due from each authority. At the annual meeting on 17th May 2007, appointments were made to these boards but the terms of office cease on 31st March 2008, so new or re-appointments now need to be made with effect from 1st April 2008.

(2) Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

The district council is entitled to one member on the Black Sluice IDB. Councillor Bob Russell is the current representative.

(3) Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board

The district council is entitled to two members on the Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board. The current members are Councillor Ben Newcombe-Jones and Councillor Peter Stephens.

(4) Welland & Deepings Internal Drainage Board

The district council was previously entitled to five members on the Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board (the current members being Councillors Auger, Exton, Helyar, Holmes, and Joynson). However, the Board is currently being reconstituted by DEFRA and, subject to confirmation, the number of members that we are entitled to have on the board will be revised to four. The Clerk to the Board has advised that we re-appoint based on the reconstituted figure i.e. four.

5. COMMENTS OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER

Reimbursement of travel expenses will be in accordance with the Council's members' remuneration scheme and are budgeted for within Democratic Representation service budget.

6. COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Any appointment to such bodies must be registered by the members appointed as a registerable interest. In accordance with the new members code of conduct, such interests need only be declared as personal interests at this authorities meetings if a matter relating to the outside body is to be discussed at the meeting, the interest is not prejudicial and the member appointed does not intend to speak on the issue.

7. CONTACT OFFICER

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