

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: DEMOCRACY SERVICE MANAGER

REPORT NO: DEM028

DATE: 18 June 2009

TITLE:	Representatives on Outside Bodies	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	N/a	
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Cllr Ray Auger Access and Engagement Portfolio	
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INITIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:	N/A	Full impact assessment Required: No
Equality and Diversity		
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Local Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Letter dated 15 April 2009 from Clerk to the Governors, Stamford Endowed Schools Letter dated 22 April 2009 from the Local Gov't Association	

1. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- (1) invites and considers nominations at the meeting and appoints a replacement member to act as a substitute for Councillor N. Craft on the Grantham Growth Point Strategic Board, and confirms the appointment of Councillor Mike Taylor as a substitute for Councillor Mrs Cartwright in his capacity as Assets & Resources Portfolio Holder;
- (2) considers whether it wishes to be represented on the Local Government Association Urban Commission, and if so, invites and considers nominations and appoints two representatives to this body, indicating which representative is to hold the voting rights;
- (3) considers the proposal by the Governing Body to the Stamford Endowed Schools (SES) that this authority no longer appoints a nominative Governor to the Schools but continues the relationship with SES by appointing a nominated representative instead. If the Council supports this change, then it is also recommended that it confirms who that nominated representative will be.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider appointing representatives on outside bodies that have arisen since the last meeting.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

3.1 Grantham Growth Point Strategic Board

At its meeting on 24 January 2008, the Council made a number of appointments to the Grantham Growth Point Strategic Board which was set up to progress and monitor the delivery of projects identified for the development and delivery of sustainable growth in Grantham.

Councillor Mrs Cartwright (as Economic portfolio holder) and Councillor Craft were appointed as the Strategic Board representatives with Councillor Mrs Spencer-Gregson (as Assets and Resources portfolio holder) and Councillor Mike Taylor as their respective substitutes.

As Councillor Mike Taylor has recently been made the Assets and Resources portfolio holder, his position has now changed and the Council is asked to confirm his appointment as Councillor Mrs Cartwright's substitute on the Strategic Board and nominate a new substitute member for Councillor Craft. I have been advised by the Corporate Head for Sustainable Communities that it would be appropriate for the replacement substitute to be a Grantham ward member.

3.2 Local Government Association Urban Commission

Members will be aware that the Council appoints two members to represent the Council on the LGA Rural Commission. South Kesteven DC is not currently a member of the LGA Urban Commission but there is an opportunity to join now by appointing two members (or one member and an officer) before the close of registration on 24 July.

The Urban Commission provides the forum within the LGA for member authorities whose areas are wholly or partly urban. Its purpose is:

- To discuss matters of common concern and share best practice;
- To assist the LGA to take into account the needs, priorities, and aspirations of urban authorities in formulating and providing its policies;
- To help the LGA promote the role and interests of urban authorities and the ability of those authorities to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

As with the Rural Commission, only one of the two representatives holds the member authority voting rights. There is no additional cost involved to joining other than the nominated members' travelling expenses. The Urban Commission meets twice a year and holds other events of interest to its members.

The annual meeting of the Urban Commission will take place on 28 October 2009 at Local Government House, London.

3.3 Stamford Endowed Schools

At the Council meeting on 25 October 2007, Councillor John Nicholson was re-appointed as a Nominative Governor on the Governing Body for Stamford Endowed Schools. The Clerk to the Governing body has recently written to the Council explaining that a review of the Governing body's size and structure had taken place.

As a result of this review, it is proposed to reduce the size of the Governing body so that it is made up largely of the current co-optative Governors i.e. those not appointed by outside bodies. This would mean that South Kesteven District Council, along with other organisations, would cease to appoint a Nominative Governor for the Endowed Schools.

The Clerk has advised that the individual Governors appointed by the outside bodies were supportive of the change but suggested that their respective nominating bodies should be consulted. The proposal is to set up a body of Nominated *Representatives* instead who would receive a summary of all Governors' meetings, be invited to all school functions and an annual lunch meeting where they would have the opportunity for open discussion. The Clerk has said the current Governing body very much hopes that this Council would wish to nominate a Representative to join this group.

If this Council and the other outside organisations are agreeable to these proposals, the Charity Commissioners will be informed of the changes in the structure and make up of the Governing Body and asked to agree the proposals.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The Council could decline to appoint representatives to the LGA Urban Commission and decline to nominate a representative to the Stamford Endowed Schools Governing Body.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Appointed representatives may claim travel expenses in connection with attending meetings of bodies to which they have been appointed in accordance with the current Members' Allowance Scheme.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION (INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DATA QUALITY)

Not applicable.

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Not applicable.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

9. COMMENTS OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

I have no specific financial comments to make in respect of this report.

10. COMMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER

Any appointment to such bodies must be registered by the member 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 authority's 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 intends to speak on the issue.

11. APPENDICES: None