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## Consultation on new Executive Arrangements

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 SKDC has to consult on changes to its governance arrangements.

### This consultation has now ended.

At the moment we have a council leader (an elected councillor) who is appointed annually by the full council, with a Cabinet made up of the leader and five other cabinet councillors.



This new government legislation means that SKDC must now choose between two options to operate after the next district elections in May 2011.

**OPTION 1: a "new style" Leader and Cabinet of councillors (similar to our current leadership model but with some important differences);**

OR

**OPTION 2: a directly elected Mayor and a Cabinet of councillors.**

#### Option 1:

Under this system, the Council would be led by a leader appointed by the district councillors who would then choose up to nine other councillors to work with him or her to run the council and make important decisions about how the services are delivered and budgets spent.

This is similar to the current leader and Cabinet system but the main difference is that the leader is appointed for a four year term of office rather than the current one year term, and they have the right to appoint their own size of Cabinet (up to a maximum of nine other councillors). At present the Council decides the size of the Cabinet although the leader decides who she wants to appoint to the Cabinet. The leader would appoint a deputy leader from amongst the Cabinet councillors, and could be removed by a majority decision by the council.

#### Option 2:

This system involves the council being led by a directly elected mayor. The mayor would be elected for a four year period. Unlike the other councillors, they would not represent an area or ward in South Kesteven and could not be removed from office by the council. The Mayor would appoint their own Cabinet of councillors (up to a maximum of nine other councillors) to offer advice on running the council and on important decisions about how services are delivered and budgets spent.

This is not a new option however. It has been available since 2001 but when the council consulted at that time, the majority of people who responded preferred a leader and cabinet system rather than an elected mayor.

#### What do you think?

We would like to know what you think about the two options for the executive arrangements.

Please use this link - [Consultation form for the New Executive Arrangements](#) to let us know your views, or alternatively send your comments by e-mail to [committeesupport@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:committeesupport@southkesteven.gov.uk)

You can also write to: Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Council Offices, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PZ.

**The closing date for feedback is: 12 noon on Friday 9 July 2010.**

### This consultation has now ended.

#### What happens next?

The council will take into account all the feedback it has received when drawing up its proposals. Your views are an important part of this process. The council must consider to what extent the proposals would be likely to assist in securing continuous improvement in the way the council goes about its business having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The draft proposals will be considered by the council's Cabinet in September before final approval by the council in October. The final proposals will be published in the local press and on our website so that local residents and other interested parties are made aware of the outcome of this consultation process.

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