

MINUTES

COUNCIL
MONDAY, 2 MARCH 2015
2.00 PM



PRESENT

Councillor Reginald Howard Chairman

Councillor Bob Adams
Councillor Mark Ashberry
Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Pam Bosworth
Councillor Terl Bryant
Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor Ibis Channell
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor Paul Cosham
Councillor Nick Craft
Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor Breda Griffin
Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Vic Kerr
Councillor Michael King
Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Councillor Dr Peter Moseley
Councillor David Nalson
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal
Councillor John Nicholson
Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Graddon Rowlands

Councillor Bob Russell
Councillor Bob Sampson
Councillor Susan Sandall
Councillor Bob Sandall
Councillor Trevor Scott
Councillor Ian Selby
Councillor Rob Shorrocks
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Jacky Smith
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor Peter Stephens
Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Ian Stokes
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Mrs Brenda Sumner
Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Jeff Thompson
Councillor Frank Turner
Councillor Bruce Wells
Councillor Martin Wilkins
Councillor Paul Wood
Councillor Rosemary H Woolley
Councillor Raymond Wooten

OFFICERS

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Directors (Tracey Blackwell,
Steve Ingram, Daren Turner)
Executive Manager, Corporate (Lucy
Youles)

OFFICERS

Corporate Finance Manager (Richard
Wyles)
Principal Democracy Officer (Jo Toomey)

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55. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Question 1

Question to the Portfolio Holder for Grow the Economy – Economic Development, Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright

Mr Morgan:

In the proposed Southern Quadrant development of Grantham, what proportion of the housing (both as number of homes and number of bedrooms) will be: (a) social housing and (b) affordable housing?

Councillor Mrs Cartwright:

Thank you Mr. Chairman, and thank you for your very interesting question. I gather you've tried to put this before but I'm afraid the answer is that you're still too early with this question because we are still in negotiation with the developers and until that has happened we cannot release any figures until we know what they are, but thank you for the question anyway.

Mr Morgan (supplementary):

Given that we have thousands on the council waiting list and many more people who are in need of more housing; young people growing up and can't afford to move out and staying in their parents' houses and clogging up the streets with the extra cars could I draw your attention to the fact that this is a once in a generation opportunity to end the Council waiting lists certainly in the Grantham end of the district and sort out the problem and suggest that you take this on board with a view to achieving that in your negotiations.

Councillor Mrs Cartwright:

Thank you for that. I'm sure I can reassure you that we are taking that on board and we are working extremely hard with all sorts of partners to make sure affordable housing is bought right across our district. Indeed if you look on the DCLG, which is the Department for Communities and Local Government, website you will find that we have actually produced 143 by the end of this year as long as all the developments go to plan, which is quite a high number compared to some of the other districts in Lincolnshire. Thank you.

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bevan, Broughton, Cook, Davidson, Higgs, Parkin and Powell.

57. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were disclosed.

58. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 were proposed, seconded and agreed as a correct record.

59. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS)

The Council noted the Chairman's engagements.

60. DETERMINATION OF BUDGET 2015/16 (AND INDICATIVE FOR 2016/17 AND 2017/18) - GENERAL FUND, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND ASSOCIATED CAPITAL PROGRAMMES

Decision:

PART A

In relation to the General Fund - Revenue

- a. to set a General Fund budget requirement of £13.014M for 2015/16 shown at Appendix A of report number HOF310 (inclusive of special expenses) taking into consideration the savings and efficiencies shown at Appendix B**
- b. to approve a Council Tax freeze (no increase) for 2015/16**
- c. to note the indicative base estimates for 2016/17 and 2017/18 as detailed in the summary at Appendix A of report number HOF310**
- d. To approve the fees and charges as shown at Appendix C of report number HOF310**

In relation to the General Fund – Capital

- e. approve the General Fund Capital programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 detailed at Appendix D page 1 of report number HOF310**
- f. approve the Capital Financing statement detailed at Appendix D page 2 of report number HOF310**

In relation to the General Fund - Reserves and Balances

- g. to approve the use of reserves as detailed at Appendix E of report number HOF310**

Management and prudential indicators

- h. to approve the Treasury Management Strategy provided at Appendix F of report number HOF310***

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account - Revenue

- i. to approve dwelling rent increases in accordance with Government guideline rent providing an average rent of £80.91 (an average rental increase of 3.56%)***
- j. to approve an increase in garage rents of 2.3%***
- k. to approve an increase in service charges by 2.3%***
- l. to approve the Housing Revenue Account for the year 2015/16 (including the items at Appendix H in the report) and indicative years 2016/17 and 2017/18 shown at Appendix G of report number HOF310***

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account - Capital

- m. approve the indicative Housing Investment Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 detailed at Appendix I page 1 of report number HOF310***
- n. approve the Capital Financing statement detailed at Appendix I page 2 of report number HOF310***

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account - Reserves and balances

- o. to approve the use of the reserves as detailed at Appendix J of report number HOF310***

Pay Policy Statement

- p. to approve the pay policy statement shown at Appendix K of report number HOF310***

PART B

In accordance with paragraphs 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, the Council adopts:

- 1) That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)***
 - a) £77,763,996 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act (including special expense and parish precepts).***
 - b) £63,605,236 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to***

(c) of the Act.

- c) **£14,158,760 being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.**
- d) **£6,476,000 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant increased by the amount of the sum to be transferred from the Collection Fund to the General Fund**
- e) **£171.67 being the amount at c) above less the amount at d) above, all divided by the Council's tax base of 44,753.20 as recorded in minute 29 of the cabinet meeting of 1 December 2014, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year 2015/16.**
- f) **£2,071,850 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.**
- g) **£127.47 being the amount of e) above, less the result given by dividing the amount of f) above by the Council's tax base relating to special items as set on 1 December 2014, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.**
- h) **Part of the Council's area being calculated by adding to the amount at (g) above the amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area, divided in each case by the individual tax bases as recorded in minute 33 in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special item relates.**

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Adjusted Band D Equivalents</u>
	No.
Grantham combined	10295.23
Stamford combined	6753.02
Bourne Combined	4978.27
Allington	338.90
Ancaster	543.21
Aslackby	103.80
Barholm & Stowe	33.35

<i>Barkston and Syston combined</i>	242.89
<i>Barrowby</i>	683.50
<i>Baston</i>	544.72
<i>Belton & Manthorpe</i>	202.93
<i>Billingborough</i>	452.34
<i>Bitchfield & Bassingthorpe</i>	53.72
<i>Boothby Pagnell</i>	62.15
<i>Braceborough & Wilsthorpe</i>	139.34
<i>Ropsley, Humby, Braceby, Sapperton combined</i>	345.40
<i>Burton Coggles</i>	37.77
<i>Careby</i>	74.22
<i>Carlby</i>	200.66
<i>Carlton Scroop and Normanton combined</i>	126.26
<i>Castle Bytham</i>	284.72
<i>Caythorpe & Frieston</i>	513.16
<i>Claypole</i>	507.85
<i>Colsterwoth, Gunby & Stainby, North Witham combined</i>	743.16
<i>Corby Glen & Birkholme</i>	389.66
<i>Counthorpe & Creeton</i>	25.33
<i>Deeping St James</i>	2365.68
<i>Denton</i>	120.43
<i>Dowsby</i>	51.75
<i>Dunsby</i>	44.45
<i>Stoke Rochford and Easton combined</i>	90.58
<i>Edenham</i>	106.83
<i>Fenton</i>	57.33
<i>Folkingham</i>	267.24
<i>Foston</i>	210.09
<i>Fulbeck</i>	211.80
<i>Greatford</i>	126.02
<i>Great Gonerby</i>	719.78
<i>Great Ponton</i>	120.38
<i>Haconby & Stainfield</i>	182.26
<i>Harlaxton</i>	331.02
<i>Heydour</i>	148.48
<i>Honington</i>	64.27
<i>Horbling</i>	154.63
<i>Hougham</i>	77.62
<i>Hough-on-the-Hill</i>	156.76
<i>Ingoldsby</i>	113.57

Irnham	107.05
Kirkby Underwood	76.61
Langtoft	745.07
Lenton, Keisby & Osgodby	65.41
Little Bytham	110.71
Little Ponton & Stroxton	65.73
Londonthorpe & Harrowby without combined	1608.55
Long Bennington	897.86
Market Deeping	2032.09
Marston	148.41
Morton & Hanthorpe	802.49
Old Somerby	87.07
Pickworth	75.24
Pointon & Sempringham	188.70
Rippingale	330.35
Sedgebrook	142.53
Skillington	130.63
South Witham	433.28
Stubton	71.83
Swayfield	137.54
Swinstead	72.71
Tallington	202.15
Thurlby	780.48
Toft Lound & Manthorpe	137.23
Uffington	314.14
Welby	78.64
Westborough & Dry Doddington	145.96
West Deeping	115.23
Witham-on-the-Hill	94.72
Woolsthorpe	138.51
Wyville cum Hungerton	19.80

- i) *The amounts on the attached schedule (Appendix A to Part B), being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at g) above and h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band 'D', calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.*
- j) *That it be noted that for the year 2015/16, Lincolnshire County Council has stated the following amounts as a precept issued*

to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band

A	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
723.96	844.62	965.28	1085.94	1327.26	1568.58	1809.90	2171.88

- k) That it be noted that for the year 2015/16, Police and Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts as a precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-**

Valuation Band

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
131.76	153.72	175.68	197.64	241.56	285.48	329.40	395.28

- l) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at i), j) and k) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts in Appendix B to Part B as the levels of Council Tax for the year 2015/16 for the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix A to Part B.**

It was proposed, seconded and, on being put to the vote agreed, that Council Procedure Rule 14.4 be suspended for this agenda item only, removing the five-minute time limit for speeches.

The Leader of the Council proposed the draft Budget for 2015/16 (together with indicative budgets for 2016/17 and 2017/18) for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and their associated Capital Programmes as set out in report number HOF310. In so doing, she explained that the Budget was designed to deliver against the Council's priorities in difficult financial conditions; she also drew Members' attention to the proposed freeze of Council Tax and savings that had been made during the 2014/15 financial year. She highlighted a number of key projects including the Southern Quadrant development, the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme and 'Love South Kesteven, Hate Litter' campaign. Reference was also made to economic development activity, including the arrival of new employers in the district, car parking, the Gravity Fields and Georgian Festivals and the leisure offer.

The proposal was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Good Housing, who drew Members' attention to proposals for the Housing Revenue Account. Reference was made to new council homes that had been built and the reacquisition of properties that had formerly been part of the housing stock; proposals for rent increases which complied with Government Guidance, work to take the Council's housing stock beyond the decent homes standard, improvements to the energy efficiency of council properties, opportunities to acquire additional land and properties and the way that the Council was working with tenants. The proposals were set out in the context of the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, which determined where resources should be allocated.

A series of amendments to the Budget were proposed and seconded (a full copy of the alternative proposals are attached as an appendix to these minutes)

The proposer spoke on each of the amendments, explaining each of the proposals. The first proposal related to maximising the HRA borrowing headroom in order to release up to a maximum £68m funding to build 500 new council homes in year five. Issues highlighted included the need for new homes and the pressure this need placed on other services. The amendments also included increasing the funding available for discretionary housing payments to support residents affected by the spare room subsidy.

The third proposed amendment related to a community fly-tipping pilot project. The proposer explained that the amendment was designed to provide a fund for clearing fly-tipping in communal and private areas. It was suggested that this fund could be spent in conjunction with improved security and education. The success of the proposed pilot scheme would be reviewed when it had been in operation for a year.

The final two amendments related to the preparation of feasibility studies into waste collection for businesses and to allow two-hours free car parking in the town centres. Identifying demand for a business waste collection scheme could ultimately lead to an additional source of revenue for the authority. The proposer also felt that introducing two-hours free parking in the town centres would increase the number of visitors and result in economic growth.

In speaking against the amendment that related to the programme for building council housing, reference was made to the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, which included a commitment to build further council houses. Some concern was also expressed that the proposal, while stating an increase of 500 homes, did not demonstrate a breakdown of costs.

Those members in favour of the amendment highlighted the shortage on one and two bedroom homes.

Several Councillors spoke about their experiences of fly-tipping in their Wards and its impact on local neighbourhoods. Members' attention was drawn to a Community Fund Reserve of £300k that had been included in the draft budget and the suggestion was made that this might be a more appropriate source of funding for any requests to clear fly-tipping in exceptional circumstances. Councillors opposing the amendment had concerns that the Council with such a scheme the Council would have to clear fly-tipping from private property and the risks that the creation of such a scheme would encourage fly-tipping.

It was further added that the proposal to collect waste was under consideration as part of the review of the Waste Strategy.

Other broader concerns about the proposed amendments included a reliance for funding the projects through reserves. The alternate view was put forward that the amount of reserves committed to carry out feasibility studies would be outweighed by income generated through a scheme to collect business waste.

Those Councillors who did not support the proposal for a feasibility study for two-hour free parking highlighted periods in the past when all day parking had been offered across the district on Saturdays in the run up to Christmas, when no economic advantage had been demonstrated.

The suggestion was made that the most appropriate route for the amendments, particularly where feasibility studies to change council policy had been suggested, would have been through the policy development groups, to enable wider discussion and consideration at an earlier date. Several members felt that it would have been advantageous to have the proposed amendments at an earlier date while expressed that a decision should not be based on when the amendments were received but the merit of the amendment itself.

The Section 151 Officer stated that he had considered the proposed amendments as to whether what they were trying to achieve was legal and the Council had powers to do it. He added that he had also discussed the viability of spending the proposed sums in a short period of time.

As the proposer of the original motion, the Leader was given the opportunity to sum up. She gave a brief explanation of the refinancing and repayment arrangements. She also clarified that an additional £60m could be available to the Council if it decided to maximise its borrowing headroom that has been created following the introduction of the self financing arrangements following the abolition of the national subsidy policy. She reminded Councillors of the commitment to build additional houses set out in the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan. She also reiterated concerns about the potential effects of introducing a fund specifically to deal with incidences of fly-tipping, particularly highlighting the risk of increasing those incidences. She also added that business waste collection had been considered previously but suggested it might not be an appropriate time to reconsider such a scheme; gate fees charged to the council for disposal of the recyclate would make such a service

costly to provide. Brief argument was also made against the proposal for a feasibility study for two-hours free parking and increasing the amount available for discretionary housing payments.

The amendments relating to building additional council homes and increasing the amount of discretionary housing payment fund were both put to the vote (each voted on separately) and lost.

In accordance with Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was taken on each of the three amendments because their amendment would affect the making of calculations in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Fly-tipping amendment:

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Ashberry	Councillor Adams	Councillor Howard
Councillor Bisnauthsing	Councillor Auger	Councillor V Kerr
Councillor Miss Channell	Councillor Mrs Bosworth	Councillor B Sandall
Councillor Dilks	Councillor Bryant	Councillor S Sandall
Councillor Morgan	Councillor Carpenter	Councillor Thompson
Councillor Sampson	Councillor Mrs Cartwright	
Councillor Selby	Councillor Chivers	
Councillor Shorrocks	Councillor K Cooke	
Councillor J Stevens	Councillor Cosham	
Councillor Wells	Councillor Craft	
Councillor Wood	Councillor Griffin	
	Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown	
	Councillor King	
	Councillor Dr Moseley	
	Councillor Nalson	
	Councillor Mrs Neal	
	Councillor Nicholson	
	Councillor Robins	
	Councillor Rowlands	
	Councillor Russell	
	Councillor Scott	
	Councillor Jacky Smith	
	Councillor John Smith	
	Councillor Judy Smith	
	Councillor P Stephens	
	Councillor A Stokes	
	Councillor I Stokes	
	Councillor Mrs Sumner	
	Councillor Mrs J Taylor	

	Councillor M Taylor Councillor Turner Councillor Wilkins Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten	
11	34	5

The amendment was lost.

Feasibility study relating to the collection of business waste:

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Ashberry Councillor Bisnauthsing Councillor Miss Channell Councillor Dilks Councillor Howard Councillor Morgan Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor Selby Councillor Shorrock Councillor J Stevens Councillor Wells Councillor Wood	Councillor Adams Councillor Auger Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs Cartwright Councillor Chivers Councillor K Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Griffin Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown Councillor King Councillor Dr Moseley Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Scott Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Judy Smith Councillor P Stephens Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Turner Councillor Wilkins Councillor Woolley	Councillor V Kerr Councillor S Sandall Councillor Thompson

	Councillor Wootten	
	34	3

The amendment was lost.

Feasibility study for two-hours free car parking

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Ashberry	Councillor Adams	Councillor Howard
Councillor Bisnauthsing	Councillor Auger	Councillor V Kerr
Councillor Miss Channell	Councillor Mrs Bosworth	Councillor S Sandall
Councillor Dilks	Councillor Bryant	Councillor Thompson
Councillor Morgan	Councillor Carpenter	
Councillor Sampson	Councillor Mrs Cartwright	
Councillor B Sandall	Councillor Chivers	
Councillor Selby	Councillor K Cooke	
Councillor Shorrocks	Councillor Cosham	
Councillor J Stevens	Councillor Craft	
Councillor Wells	Councillor Griffin	
Councillor Wood	Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown	
	Councillor King	
	Councillor Dr Moseley	
	Councillor Nalson	
	Councillor Mrs Neal	
	Councillor Nicholson	
	Councillor Robins	
	Councillor Rowlands	
	Councillor Russell	
	Councillor Scott	
	Councillor Jacky Smith	
	Councillor John Smith	
	Councillor Judy Smith	
	Councillor P Stephens	
	Councillor A Stokes	
	Councillor I Stokes	
	Councillor Mrs Sumner	
	Councillor Mrs J Taylor	
	Councillor M Taylor	
	Councillor Turner	
	Councillor Wilkins	
	Councillor Woolley	
	Councillor Wootten	
12	34	4

The amendment was lost.

Debate returned to the substantive motion. Brief reference was made to the addendum that was circulated following the publication of the agenda. Councillors were informed that the addendum contained information relating to the precept levels for Lincolnshire Police and Lincolnshire County Council's Council Tax requirements. These amounts had not been agreed sufficiently early to include them in agenda packs.

The Leader summed up, reiterating the Council's focus on growth and investment despite funding reductions of 45% over the last five years. She also made reference to the ambitions of the Council and the focus on neighbourhoods. Finally she commended the Budget as proposed.

The recommendations were split into sections and separate votes were taken on each. Where proposals related to the making of calculations in accordance with the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, a recorded vote was taken. The electronic voting system was used for all other votes.

Recommendations a to d

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams Councillor Ashberry Councillor Auger Councillor Bisnauthsing Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs Cartwright Councillor Chivers Councillor K Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Dilks Councillor Griffin Councillor Howard Councillor Mrs Kaberry- Brown Councillor V Kerr Councillor King Councillor Morgan Councillor Dr Moseley Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands		Councillor Miss Channell

Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor S Sandall Councillor Scott Councillor Selby Councillor Shorrock Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Judy Smith Councillor P Stephens Councillor J Stevens Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Turner Councillor Wells Councillor Wilkins Councillor Wood Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
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The recommendations were approved.

Recommendations e and f

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams Councillor Ashberry Councillor Auger Councillor Bisnauthsing Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs Cartwright Councillor Chivers Councillor K Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Dilks Councillor Griffin Councillor Howard Councillor Mrs Kaberry-		Councillor Miss Channell

Brown Councillor V Kerr Councillor King Councillor Morgan Councillor Dr Moseley Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor S Sandall Councillor Scott Councillor Selby Councillor Shorrock Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Judy Smith Councillor P Stephens Councillor J Stevens Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Turner Councillor Wells Councillor Wilkins Councillor Wood Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
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The recommendations were approved.

Recommendation g

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams Councillor Auger Councillor Bisnauthsing Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs	Councillor Ashberry Councillor Dilks Councillor Morgan Councillor Selby Councillor Shorrock Councillor Wells	Councillor Miss Channell

Cartwright Councillor Chivers Councillor K Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Griffin Councillor Howard Councillor Mrs Kaberry- Brown Councillor V Kerr Councillor King Councillor Dr Moseley Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor S Sandall Councillor Scott Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Judy Smith Councillor P Stephens Councillor J Stevens Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Turner Councillor Wilkins Councillor Wood Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
43	6	1

The recommendations were approved.

Recommendation h

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams Councillor Ashberry Councillor Auger		Councillor Miss Channell

Councillor Bisnauthsing Councillor Mrs Bosworth Councillor Bryant Councillor Carpenter Councillor Mrs Cartwright Councillor Chivers Councillor K Cooke Councillor Cosham Councillor Craft Councillor Dilks Councillor Griffin Councillor Howard Councillor Mrs Kaberry- Brown Councillor V Kerr Councillor King Councillor Morgan Councillor Dr Moseley Councillor Nalson Councillor Mrs Neal Councillor Nicholson Councillor Robins Councillor Rowlands Councillor Russell Councillor Sampson Councillor B Sandall Councillor S Sandall Councillor Scott Councillor Selby Councillor Shorrocks Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor John Smith Councillor Judy Smith Councillor P Stephens Councillor J Stevens Councillor A Stokes Councillor I Stokes Councillor Mrs Sumner Councillor Mrs J Taylor Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Turner Councillor Wells Councillor Wilkins Councillor Wood Councillor Woolley Councillor Wooten		
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The recommendations were approved.

Separate electronic votes were taken on recommendations i to l; m and n; o and p. All of which were carried.

A further recorded vote was required on Part B of HOF310:

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Adams	Councillor Morgan	Councillor Ashberry
Councillor Auger	Councillor Shorrocks	Councillor Miss
Councillor Bisnauthsing		Channell
Councillor Mrs Bosworth		Councillor Dilks
Councillor Bryant		Councillor Selby
Councillor Carpenter		Councillor Wells
Councillor Mrs		
Cartwright		
Councillor Chivers		
Councillor K Cooke		
Councillor Cosham		
Councillor Craft		
Councillor Griffin		
Councillor Howard		
Councillor Mrs Kaberry-		
Brown		
Councillor V Kerr		
Councillor King		
Councillor Dr Moseley		
Councillor Nalson		
Councillor Mrs Neal		
Councillor Nicholson		
Councillor Robins		
Councillor Rowlands		
Councillor Russell		
Councillor Sampson		
Councillor B Sandall		
Councillor S Sandall		
Councillor Scott		
Councillor Jacky Smith		
Councillor John Smith		
Councillor Judy Smith		
Councillor P Stephens		
Councillor J Stevens		
Councillor A Stokes		
Councillor I Stokes		
Councillor Mrs Sumner		
Councillor Mrs J Taylor		

Councillor M Taylor Councillor Thompson Councillor Turner Councillor Wilkins Councillor Wood Councillor Woolley Councillor Wootten		
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The vote was carried and the recommendations were approved.

16:15 to 16:38 – the meeting adjourned

61. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Decision:

In order to ensure that the Council's committees and policy development groups to maintain political balance, the following adjustments should be made to their membership:

- 1. Councillor Peter Stephens replacing Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor on both the Licensing Committee and the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committee***
- 2. Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor replaces Councillor David Higgs on the Development Control Committee***
- 3. Councillor Paul Wood replaces Councillor Martin Wilkins on the Governance and Audit Committee***
- 4. Councillor Mike Taylor replaces Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor on the Communities Policy Development Group***
- 5. Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright replaces Councillor Mike Taylor on the Chief Executive's Performance Panel***

The Leader of the Conservative Group nominated Councillor Peter Stephens to fill the vacancy on the Licensing Committee and the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committee and Councillor Mrs Cartwright to fill the vacancy on the Chief Executive's Performance Panel. She nominated the vacancy on the Communities Policy Development Group as the PDG seat for the UKIP group. She also informed members that Councillors David Higgs would be removed from the Development Control Committee and Councillor Martin Wilkins from Governance and Audit Committee.

The Leader of the UKIP group nominated Councillor Mrs Taylor to take its seat on the Development Control Committee and he (Councillor Mike Taylor) would take the group's seat on the Communities Policy Development Group.

Councillor Howard nominated Councillor Wood to fill the additional seat to which the group of Independents was entitled on the Governance and Audit

Committee.

The nominations were put to the vote *en bloc* and the appointments were duly confirmed.

62. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET

The Leader notified the Council that Councillor Mike Taylor was no longer a member of the Cabinet and that for the remainder of the term, she would take on the Strategic Resources – Well Run Council Portfolio.

63. UPDATES FROM CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1.1 Amendment to the Constitution

The Council approves that the Constitution is amended to include in the Scheme of Delegation for the Executive Manager, Environment the following:

“The Mobile Homes Act 2013 and the Mobile Homes Act 1983 and Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 are added to the list of statutes contained within the Constitution and that the Executive Manager Environment and Officers delegated in writing by them are authorised to act under these statutes and Regulation Orders made thereunder.”

1.2 Amendment to the Arrangements for dealing with Standards Complaints

The Council approves the following amendments to the arrangements for dealing with Standards Complaints under the Localism Act 2011 (the Arrangements):

- **That legal representation is permitted for Members who face an allegation of misconduct and are required to appear before the Review Board**
- **That such representation must be provided at the cost to the Member and not at a cost to the Council**

1.3 Constitution Review

The Council approves the draft Constitution document (Appendix 2 to report number LDS145) incorporating all previously agreed amendments together with the following amendment:

Procedure for cancellation of meetings

The Chairman or Vice-Chairman in the Chairman's absence has the authority to cancel meetings of a committee/policy development group where there are insufficient items for the agenda of the next meeting.

The Chairman of the Constitution Committee presented the recommendations in report number LDS145, which summarised the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on 9 February 2015.

He proposed the first recommendation in the report, which would see the Constitution amended to include officer delegations related to mobile homes. The proposal was seconded and on being put to the vote agreed.

The Constitution Committee Chairman then proposed the second recommendation which related to dealing with standards complaints and legal representation for members who face allegations of misconduct. This was seconded and on being put to the vote agreed.

The third proposition related to the introduction of a procedure for the cancellation of meetings which would involve the Chairman or Vice-Chairman consulting with other members of the committee/policy development group, with a majority agreeing to the cancellation of the meeting. Under this proposition, this procedure could only be invoked once the notice period for adding items to the agenda had lapsed.

An amendment to replace the wording of the proposal was proposed and seconded that: The Chairman or Vice-Chairman in his or her absence has the authority to cancel meetings of a committee/policy development group where there are insufficient items for the agenda of the next meeting. Some discussion ensued on this item where members recognised that the business of the regulatory committees was demand-led. While this was acknowledged by those Councillors speaking against the amendment, they suggested that in relation to policy development groups and other committees, consulting with members could generate business. The concern was also raised that cancelling a meeting without consulting the wider membership could disenfranchise the rest of the members of the committee/policy development group.

A vote was taken on the amendment, which was carried. In turn it became the substantive motion and, on being put to the vote, was approved.

The final recommendation moved by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee was the adoption of the reformatted version of the Constitution (appendix 2 to report LDS145). This was seconded and on being put to the vote, agreed.

64. QUESTIONS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Three Questions Without Discussion had been received and referred to the

relevant Policy Development Groups for response.

Question 1

From: Councillor Morgan

What plans do SKDC have with regard to increasing parking and appropriate secure cycle storage capacity in Grantham town centre given the significant developments approved and those in the pipe line?

Referred to the Communities Policy Development Group

Question 2

From: Councillor Morgan

How is SKDC planning to increase the locally agreed living wage to match the national living wage?

Referred to the Resources Policy Development Group

Question 3

From: Councillor Ashberry

How is SKDC proposing to ensure the appropriate upgrade and maintenance of playground equipment in areas where there is no parish council and low opportunity for S106 funding?

Referred to the Communities Policy Development Group

65. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 17:09.