



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Council

17 September 2020

**Report of:** Karen Bradford  
Chief Executive



## Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

In accordance with Article 4 of the Council's Constitution, the annual meeting of the Council will receive nominations of Councillors to serve on a variety of outside bodies.

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Corporate Priority:	Decision type:	Wards:
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>All Wards</b>

<b>Reviewed by:</b>	Julie Edwards, Electoral Services Team Leader	2 September 2020
<b>Approved by:</b>	Shahin Ismail, Director of Law and Governance	2 September 2020
<b>Signed off by:</b>	Karen Bradford, Chief Executive	9 September 2020

### Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. That the Council considers nominations and makes appointments to the outside bodies set out in Tables 1.
2. That the Council reconfirms those appointments made in 2019, as shown in Table 2, or considers taking any new nominations.

# 1 The Background to the Report

- 1.1 The Council makes appointments to a range of outside bodies. Most appointments run for four years, coinciding with the quadrennial elections. Other appointments have different durations or their terms do not mirror the Council's four year term of office. The appointments to some of the bodies to which the Council nominates representatives have expired.
- 1.2 There is no formal arrangement whereby political balance must be achieved with the appointment of representatives to outside bodies; appointments are offered to all Members.
- 1.3 A list of the nominations that the Council is asked to make is included in Table 1 (below), including the end date of the appointment.

**Table 1**

Organisation	No. of reps	Term of office	Period of Office
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	1	3 years	September 2020 to 31 March 2023
<i>The term of office for this seat has expired. The seat was previously filled by former Councillor Chris Benn.</i>			
East Midlands Councils*	1 (plus reserve)	1 year	September 2020 to May 2021
<i>1-year term of office.</i>			
Lincolnshire Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee <i>(The representative must be a member of an SK Overview and Scrutiny Committee)</i>	1	4 years (mid-term appointment)	September 2020 to May 2023
<i>This vacancy was created by the resignation of Chris Benn as a Member of the Council.</i>			
The Local Government Association*	1 (plus reserve)	1 year	September 2020 to May 2021
<i>1-year term of office.</i>			
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	3	3 years	September 2020 to 31 March 2023
<i>The term of office for these seats has expired. They were previously filled by Councillor Mrs. Rosemary Kaberry-Brown, Councillor Ian Stokes and former Councillor Chris Benn.</i>			
Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board	4	3 years	September 2020 to 31 March 2023
<i>The term of office for these seats has expired. They were previously filled by Councillor Bob Broughton, Councillor Phil Dilks, Councillor Jacky Smith and Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew.</i>			

- 1.4 When making appointments to some outside bodies, there are a number of requirements that must be taken into account; these are set out alongside the organisation. Asterisks denote those appointments that are filled by the Leader, or in the Leader's absence, the Deputy Leader.
- 1.5 The three internal drainage boards to which the Council makes appointments each have a term of three years. The existing appointments expired in 2020 but the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 made provision for existing appointments to continue in the event that a local authority wished to either delay its Annual General Meeting (AGM) or to cancel the AGM for the current year.
- 1.6 There is also a vacancy on the Lincolnshire Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee, which was created by Chris Benn's resignation from the Council. The Council representative on the Lincolnshire Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee is required to be a member of one of this authority's overview and scrutiny committees.
- 1.7 At its Annual Meeting on 23 May 2019, the Council also made appointments to a number of other outside bodies for a period of 4 years. In accordance with Article 4.4.b(v) of the Council's Constitution, these appointments should be made at every annual meeting. Members are therefore also asked to confirm appointments to these other bodies as set out in the table below; those Members who were appointed last year have been pre-populated. Council could reappoint these Members or consider taking new nominations.

**Table 2**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Current representatives</b>	<b>End date</b>
Dame Margaret Thorold Educational Foundation <i>(The representative should come from the north of the district, which is the area in which the charity operates)</i>	Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown	May 2023
Deeping St. James United Charities <i>(The representative must live within the ecclesiastical parish of Deeping St. James and Frognall)</i>	Councillor Judy Stevens	May 2023
Elsea Park Community Trust	Councillor Robert Reid	May 2023
Grantham Almshouse Charity	Councillor Ray Wootten	May 2023
Grantham Canal Partnership	Councillor Mark Whittington	May 2023
Greater Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership	The Leader of the Council Sub: The Deputy Leader of the Council	May 2023
Heritage Lincolnshire	Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew	May 2023
Joseph Clark's (Grantham) Apprenticing Foundation	Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor Annie Mason	May 2023

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Current representatives</b>	<b>End date</b>
Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee  <i>(The representative and substitute must be a member of an SK Overview and Scrutiny Committee)</i>	Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown  Sub: Councillor Linda Wootten	May 2023
Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Ray Wootten	May 2023
Lincolnshire Sports Partnership (Active Lincolnshire)	Councillor John Cottier	May 2023
South Lincolnshire Fenlands Partnership	Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew	May 2023
South Kesteven Citizen's Advice Bureau	Councillor Gloria Johnson Councillor Robert Reid Councillor Linda Wootten	May 2023

## **2 Available Options Considered**

- 2.1 The Council could make appointments to the bodies as set out in the recommendations or decline to make appointments unless there was a legal requirement to do so.

## **3 Preferred Option**

- 3.1 To make the appointments set out in the recommendations.

## **4 Reasons for the Recommendation (s)**

- 4.1 By making the appointments, the Council will be able to ensure that South Kesteven District Council is represented on those bodies.

## **5 Next Steps – Communication and Implementation of the Decision**

- 5.1 Those Councillors appointed to the outside bodies will be displayed on the Council's website. The outside bodies will be notified of the Council's decision.

## **6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 Travelling expenses are payable to Councillors who attend meetings of outside bodies to which they have been appointed by the Council. Provision is made within the Legal and Democratic Services budget for the payment of travel expenses.

**Financial Implications reviewed by: Alison Hall-Wright, Head of Finance**

## **7 Legal and Governance Implications**

- 7.1 In the event that a conflict of interest arises for any Member appointed between the interests of the Council and the interests of the body, an interest may need to be disclosed whenever the issue to which the interest relates is discussed.

**Legal Implications reviewed by: Shahin Ismail, Director of Law and Governance**

## **8 Equality and Safeguarding Implications**

- 8.1 There are no equality or safeguarding implications arising as a result of this report.

## **9 Risk and Mitigation**

9.1 Risk has been considered as part of this report and no specific high risks were identified.

## **10 Community Safety Implications**

10.1 There are no community safety implications arising as a result of this report.

## **11 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?**

11.1 This report has a neutral carbon impact.

<b>Report Timeline:</b>	Date of Publication on Forward Plan (if required)	Not applicable
	Previously Considered by: Council	23 May 2019
	Final Decision date	17 September 2020