



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Council

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Report of Karen Bradford, Chief Executive

Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

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Purpose of Report

To provide the Council with the opportunity to make appointments or change representation on Outside Bodies.

Recommendations

That Full Council:

1. **Appoints Councillor Ashley Baxter, as Leader of the Council, to the Outside Bodies set out in Table 1 for one year.**
2. **Notes those appointments previously made at Table 2 which will continue unless any further changes are made.**

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Effective council
Which wards are impacted?	(All Wards);

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 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 Governance budget for the payment of travel expenses.

Completed by: Paul Sutton, Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy S151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 There are no legal or governance arrangements arising from this report not already highlighted below.

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 The Council makes appointments to a range of outside bodies. Most appointments run for four years, coinciding with the elections every four years. Other appointments have different durations, or their terms do not mirror the Council's four-year term of office. The appointments to the below bodies to which the Council nominates representatives have expired:

- East Midlands Council
- Local Government Association.

- 2.2 Both of these bodies ordinarily appoint the Leader to be the representative.

2.3 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 – Annual Appointments

Organisation	No. of reps	Current Rep	Term of Office	Period of Office
East Midlands Councils	1 (plus reserve)	The Leader of the Council	1 year <i>(By the Leader, or in the Leader's absence The Deputy Leader of the Council)</i>	May 2024-May 2025
Local Government Association	1 (plus reserve)	The Leader of the Council	1 year <i>(By the Leader, or in the Leader's absence The Deputy Leader of the Council)</i>	May 2024-May 2025

Appointments made for longer terms (at the May 2023 meeting of Full Council, and subsequently in year) are contained in **Table 2** below:

Organisation	No.of Reps	Term of Office	End Date	Current Rep.
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	1	3 years	May 2026	Cllr Zoe Lane
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>	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Ian Stokes
Elesa Park Community Trust	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Paul Fellows
Grantham Almshouse Charity	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Tim Harrison
Grantham Canal Partnership	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Peter Stephens
Grantham Transport Strategy	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Tim Harrison
Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Ashley Baxter
Heritage Lincolnshire	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Mark Whittington
Joseph Clark's (Grantham) Apprenticing Foundation	2	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Tim Harrison Cllr Charmaine Morgan
Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Drainage Management Committee*	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Helen Crawford
Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee*	1 (plus 1 reserve)	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Charmaine Morgan Cllr Virginia Moran (reserve)

Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel	1 (to reflect political balance)	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Sarah Trotter
Lincolnshire Waste Partnership	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Rhys Baker
PATROL Joint Adjudication Committee	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Charmaine Morgan
Rural Services Network	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Murray Turner
South Kesteven Citizens Advice Bureau	3	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Phil Dilks Cllr Charmaine Morgan Cllr Lee Steptoe
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	3	3 years	March 2026	Cllr Rhys Baker Cllr Patsy Ellis Cllr Ian Stokes
Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board	4	3 years	March 2026	Cllr Emma Baker Cllr Ashley Baxter Cllr Barry Dobson Cllr Vanessa Smith

* Political balance only applies to County Council membership, not District Council membership. District Council representative cannot be a member of Cabinet.

3. Other Options Considered

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The preferred option is to make appointments as set out in the recommendations.

4. Reasons for the Recommendations

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