

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Democracy Service Manager

REPORT NO. DEM001

DATE: 17th May 2007

TITLE:	Representatives on Outside Bodies	
COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Paul Carpenter, Portfolio Access & Engagement	
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Access	
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	None	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	This report is publicly available on the Council's website via the Local democracy link	
INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Carried out and appended to report? Not Applicable	Full impact assessment required? No
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Democracy Services file containing correspondence to outside bodies and responses received in relation to those seeking appointments.	

1. INTRODUCTION

It has been the practice of the District Council to review its representation on outside bodies following each quadrennial election. Under Part 4 of the Constitution, specifically the Council Procedure Rules 1.2(iv), the annual meeting of the Council will receive nominations of Councillors to serve on a variety of outside bodies.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Council to consider nominations put forward at the annual meeting and make appointments to the various organisations seeking district council representation.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

All outside organisations and bodies to whom the district council appointed representatives at the annual meeting in May 2003 have been contacted to ask whether they still wished to seek district council representation. Any additional appointments to other bodies made in the intervening four years have also been contacted.

Based on the responses received, a list is attached of those organisations that have confirmed they would like a district council representative. Organisations that we know are no longer in existence or did not reply following a second reminder letter have been deleted from the previously held list in the Year Book.

No school governorships are now included in the list of appointments as The School Governance (Constitution)(England) Regulations 2003 no longer includes provision for Minor Authorities to be named in a school's Instrument of Government, thus removing the provision for Minor Authorities to nominate representatives for appointment as of right. Any previous appointments have now expired and any current representatives will be contacted direct by the governing body concerned should the school wish them to continue to serve in the capacity as a Community Governor.

The majority of the appointments are for a four year period but where a term of appointment does not coincide with the quadrennial elections - for example the internal drainage boards - these are highlighted in bold type.

Nominations: There is no formal arrangement whereby political balance is to be achieved with these appointments – appointments are offered to all members.

Reimbursement: Travelling expenses are payable to Councillors who attend meetings of outside bodies to whom they have been appointed by the Council.

Declaration of Interests: The revised Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members has created a new category of public service interest. This is an interest that arises where a Councillor is also a member of another public body to which they have been appointed by the authority, or of which they are a member in their own right. Councillors so affected will be required, as they are now, to enter any such interest they have in the Register of Interests. The revised Code will require you to declare a personal interest if the body to which you are appointed is the subject of debate only if you decide to participate in the debate.

Under the existing Code, appointment by the Council to an outside body would give rise to a personal, but not necessarily, a prejudicial interest. You should apply the same test as for any interest: would a reasonable member of the public who knew all the relevant facts think that your interest was so strong that your judgement would be prejudiced? Advice can always be obtained from the Monitoring Officer in relation to the declarations of interest.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED

The Council could decline to make an appointment or appointments unless there was any legal requirement to do so.

4. COMMENTS OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER

Reimbursement of travel expenses will be in accordance with the Council's members remuneration scheme and are budgeted for within Democratic Representation service budget.

5. COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

The Standards Board for England has provided guidance and advice for "dual-hatted" members arising from service on other public bodies and organisations. Councillors may seek help and guidance on any issues arising from the Council's Monitoring Officer.

6. CONTACT OFFICER

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APPENDIX TO REPORT DEM001

ORGANISATION	CURRENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)	EXPIRY DATE
Age Concern Kesteven	<i>Councillor Vic Kerr</i>	May 2007
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	<i>Councillor Kirkman</i>	March 2008
Disability Lincs. Bourne & District Branch	<i>Councillor Mrs. A. Percival</i>	May 2007
Bourne Youth Centre Management Committee	<i>Councillor Fisher</i>	May 2007
Butterfield Committee of Trustees	<i>Councillor Mrs Judy Smith</i>	May 2007
Community Care for the Elderly	<i>Councillor Mrs Wheat</i>	May 2007
Council for the Protection of Rural England	<i>Councillor Bryant</i>	May 2007
Dame Margaret Thorold's Educational Foundation	<i>Councillor A.V. Kerr</i>	January 2008
Deeping St. James United Charities	<i>Councillor Joynson Mrs Carol Precey</i>	May 2007
Disability Lincs.	<i>Councillor D. Fisher</i>	May 2007
Earlesfield Youth Centre Management Committee	<i>Councillor Shorrock</i>	May 2007
Local Government East Midlands (LGEM)	<i>The Leader</i>	May 2007 1 year appointment
East Midlands Regional Assembly	<i>The Leader</i>	May 2007 1 year appointment
Grantham Almshouse Charity	<i>Councillor Mrs M. Wheat</i>	May 2007
Grantham Canal Partnership	<i>Councillor J. Smith</i>	May 2007

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Heritage Lincolnshire	<i>Councillor Thompson</i>	May 2007
Joseph Clark's (Grantham) Apprenticing Foundation	<i>Councillor J. Thompson Councillor G. Wheat</i>	May 2007
Kesteven Museums Panel	<i>Councillor Conboy Councillor Kirkman</i>	May 2007
Lincolnshire Arts Forum	<i>Councillor Thompson</i>	May 2007
Lincolnshire Enterprise SSP	<i>Councillor Mrs Neal</i>	May 2007
Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association	<i>Councillor Mrs Wheat</i>	May 2007
Lincolnshire Sports Partnership	<i>Councillor Auger</i>	May 2007
Local Government Association General Assembly	<i>The Leader of the Council (Deputy Leader in his/her absence)</i>	May 2007 1 year appointment
Local Government Association - Rural Commission	<i>Councillor Ray Auger Councillor G. Taylor (NB Councillor Auger has the voting rights)</i>	May 2007 1 year appointment
Longhurst Housing Association – Board of Management	<i>vacancy</i>	May 2007
National Playing Fields Association	<i>Councillor Auger</i>	May 2007
Rural Transport Partnership Scheme Board	<i>Councillor Bryant</i>	May 2007
South Kesteven Citizens Advice Bureau	<i>Councillor O'Hare Councillor Sandall vacancy</i>	May 2007

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South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership	<i>Councillor Mrs Neal</i>	May 2007
South Lincs Blind Society	<i>Councillor Bryant</i>	May 2007
Thomas Truedale's Hospital	<i>currently vacant</i>	May 2007
Town Centre Management Partnerships:		
<u>Grantham Future</u>	<i>Councillor A. Parkin Councillor G. Wheat Councillor Mrs M. Wheat (Strategy Group) Councillor N. Craft (Projects Group)</i>	May 2007
<u>Stamford Vision</u>	<i>Councillor Helyar Councillor Conboy</i>	May 2007
<u>Bourne</u>	<i>Councillor Mrs L. Neal Councillor John Smith Councillor D. Fisher Councillor J. Kirkman</i>	May 2007
<u>Deepings</u>	<i>Councillor Joykson Councillor Exton</i>	May 2007
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	<i>Councillor A.V. Kerr Councillor Radley</i>	March 2008
Welland & Deepings Internal Drainage Board	<i>Councillor Auger Councillor Joykson Councillor Howard Councillor Helyar Councillor Pease</i>	March 2008
[NOTE: Appointments to IDBs are for THREE years]		
Welland Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership	<i>The Leader</i>	May 2007