



**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 East Midlands Councils and the Local Government Association for one year.**
- 2. Appoints four representatives to the Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board outside body until May 2027.**
- 3. Appoints three representatives to the Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board outside body until May 2027.**
- 4. Appoints a representative to the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board outside body until May 2027.**
- 5. Withdraws the two appointees to the Joseph Clark's (Grantham) Apprenticing Foundation.**
- 6. 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Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?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. Budget provision is in place for the payment of travel expenses

*Completed by: David Scott – 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*

## 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 district council elections. 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:

- Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board
- Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board
- Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board
- East Midlands Council
- Local Government Association

- 2.2 Both East Midlands Council and the Local Government Association (General Assembly) are ordinarily within the remit of the Leader of the Council.
- 2.3 SKDC have previously appointed representatives to the three drainage boards for a three-year term. However, with Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) due to commence in 2027 along with planned elections, the recommendation is to appoint for one year until more is known about the outcome of LGR.
- 2.4 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 –Appointments Required**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>No. of reps</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>Period of Office</b>	<b>Current Rep</b>
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	1	1 year	May 2026-May 2027 ( <i>remainder of term</i> )	Cllr Zoe Lane
East Midlands Councils	1 (plus reserve)	1 year <i>(By the Leader, or in the Leader's absence The Deputy Leader of the Council)</i>	May 2026-May 2027	The Leader of the Council
Local Government Association	1 (plus reserve)	1 year <i>(By the Leader, or in the Leader's absence The Deputy Leader of the Council)</i>	May 2026-May 2027	The Leader of the Council
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	3	1 year	May 2026 – May 2027 ( <i>remainder of term</i> )	Cllr Rhys Baker Cllr Patsy Ellis Cllr Ian Stokes
Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board	4	1 year	May 2026–May 2027( <i>remainder of term</i> )	Cllr Ashley Baxter Cllr Pam Byrd Cllr Barry Dobson Cllr Vanessa Smith

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

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>No. of reps</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Current Rep</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>	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Ian Stokes
Elsa Park Community Trust	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Paul Fellows
Grantham Almshouse Charity	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Matt Bailey
Grantham Canal Partnership	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Robert Leadenham
Grantham Transport Strategy	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Tim Harrison
Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership	4	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Ashley Baxter
Heritage Lincolnshire	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Mark Whittington
Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Drainage Management Committee*	4	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Helen Crawford
Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee*	1 (plus 1 reserve)	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Charmaine Morgan Cllr Nikki Manterfield (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 Robert Leadenham
Rural Services Network	1	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Murray Turner
Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire	3	4 years	May 2027	Cllr Charmaine Morgan Cllr Rhea Rayside Cllr Lee Steptoe

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

- 2.5 Since the previous Council AGM in May 2025, the Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Drainage Management Committee has been abolished, and therefore no longer requires a representative from SKDC.
- 2.6 The functions of the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership have been transferred to the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority; therefore, there is no need to nominate a representative.
- 2.7 Officers are still investigating the status of the Joseph Clark's Apprenticing Foundation; therefore, it is recommended that both appointees to this body be removed.
- 2.8 The Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel is required to reflect the political make-up of the local authorities within the police force area.

### **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.