

MINUTES

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2011

2.00 PM



PRESENT

Chairman for the first item: Mrs Margery Radley
After the election, Councillor Mike Cook in the Chair

Councillor Bob Adams
Councillor Mark Ashberry
Councillor Jean Bevan
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Pam Bosworth
Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor Terl Bryant
Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor Ibis Channell
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Michael Cook
Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor Paul Cosham
Councillor Nick Craft
Councillor Alan Davidson
Councillor Breda Griffin
Councillor Reginald Howard
Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Jock Kerr
Councillor Vic Kerr
Councillor Mike King
Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Councillor David Nalson
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal
Councillor John Nicholson

OFFICERS

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Directors (Tracey Blackwell,
Daren Turner, Ian Yates)

Councillor Helen Powell
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 Jacky Smith
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Ian Stokes
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Brenda A Sumner
Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Jeff Thompson
Councillor Frank Turner
Councillor Bruce Wells
Councillor Martin Wilkins
Councillor Rosemary H Woolley
Councillor Raymond Wootten
Councillor Debbie Wren

OFFICERS

Head of Democratic and Legal Services
(Lucy Youles)
Principal Democracy Officer (Jo
Toomey)

Before the start of the formal business and after prayers were said, the outgoing Chairman (Mrs Margery Radley) asked the Council to observe a minute's silence to honour the contribution of former Councillor, Ken Joynson, who had recently passed away.

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decision:

That Councillor Mike Cook be elected Chairman of South Kesteven District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Mike Cook be Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. In proposing Councillor Cook, reference was made to the time he had spent living in the district and his service as a local councillor. The proposer also felt his interests made him particularly suited to chairing the Council. No other nominations were put forward and a vote was taken. Councillor Cook was duly elected Chairman of South Kesteven District Council.

The Chairman was invested with the chains of office. He made a declaration of acceptance and took the chair.

COUNCILLOR MIKE COOK IN THE CHAIR

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

A vote of thanks was made to the retiring Chairman. Members commended Mrs Radley's term of office and complimented the way she had carried out her civic functions, acting as ambassador for the Council and presiding over meetings. Members offered Mrs Radley best wishes for the future.

The Chairman presented Mrs Radley with gifts to commemorate her year in office including a past Chairman's badge, and a plaque bearing the District Council's coat of arms.

Mrs Radley thanked Members for their support during her term of office and added that she was grateful for the opportunity to serve as Chairman. She also thanked the Chief Executive and officers who provided support for the civic function. She offered her best wishes to the Council and said that Members should never forget the people they serve.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decision:

That Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown be appointed Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown be appointed Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council. Reference was made to Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown's active service within the local community and her long history working in politics.

A further nomination was made that Councillor Alan Davidson be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council. This was seconded. In proposing Councillor Davidson, it was highlighted that the Vice-Chairmanship was not a politically-based appointment. Councillor Davidson had served his community for many years and in the past had served as mayor of Grantham.

On being put to the vote, Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown was duly appointed Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council. Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown signed the declaration of acceptance and thanked Members for their support and stated she would endeavour to serve the Council to the best of her ability.

The Chairman advised Members that during his term of office he aimed to increase awareness of local governance in schools, particularly to young people aged 15-years and over. He invited Councillors to forward the names of any schools that would benefit from a visit. Councillor Cook also informed Members that instead of supporting one charity, he would be making donations to a number of small local charities and groups.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Kelham Cooke, who was celebrating his 21st birthday.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Higgs, Parkin, Stephens and Wood.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2011

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 March 2011 were confirmed as a correct record.

7. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS)

A list of the outgoing Chairman's engagements as circulated with the agenda was received and noted. There were no other communications.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Decision:

That the Constitution be amended

1.1 At clause 8.2(b) page 48 of the Articles of the Constitution relating to the Cabinet to read as follows:

Article 8 – The Cabinet

8.2 (b) Form and Composition

The Cabinet will consist of the Leader together with at least 2 but not more than 9 Councillors appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader.

8.2 (c) Leader

The Leader will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council. The Leader will hold office until:

- a) he/she resigns from the office; or
- b) he/she is suspended from being a Councillor under Part III of The Local Government Act 2000 (although he/she may resume office at the end of the period of suspension) or is disqualified from holding office; or
- c) he/she is no longer a Councillor
- d) the expiry of a 4 year term which will be extended to end on the day of the next post-election annual meeting of the Council by virtue of s.44(D) of the Local Government Act 2000 unless removed from office earlier by resolution of the Council.

The Leader will:

- Determine the size of the Cabinet
- Appoint members of the Cabinet
- Allocate portfolio areas to Cabinet members
- Allocate decision making power to Cabinet and individual Cabinet members
- Remove and replace Cabinet members.

8.3 Other Cabinet Members (including the Deputy Leader)

Only Councillors may be appointed to the Cabinet. There may be no co-optees and no substitutes for Cabinet members. Neither the Chairman nor Vice-Chairman of the Council may be appointed to the Cabinet. Members of the Cabinet (including the Leader) may not be members of a Scrutiny Committee or the PDG's. Other Cabinet members including the Deputy Leader shall hold office until whichever of the following events shall first occur.

- (i) they resign from office; or
- (ii) they are suspended from being Councillors under Part III of the Local

Government Act 2000 (although they may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or

- (iii) they are no longer Councillors; or
- (iv) they are removed from office, either individually or collectively, by resolution of the Council.
- (v) until the next annual meeting of the Council
- (vi) the Leader rearranges portfolios and/or Cabinet members
- (vii) the Leader removes a Cabinet Member from his or her post.

The Leader may at his or her discretion appoint Councillors to support Cabinet Members to assist with their work in shaping and developing the priorities of the Council so far as it relates to individual portfolios provided that any support member so appointed will not exercise any executive function of a Cabinet Member and no special responsibility allowance can be made.

1.2 At page 120 of Part 4 of the Constitution

(vi) Elect the Leader as required in accordance with Article 8.2 (c) at Part 2 of the Constitution

1.3 That the Terms of Reference of the Governance and Audit Committee be amended to read as follows at Article 12 in the Constitution:

12.1 The Council will establish and maintain a Governance and Audit Committee

12.2 **Composition**

The Governance and Audit Committee will comply with the Political Balance Rules in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Governance and Audit Committee will be composed of 7 Councillors appointed annually at the Annual Council Meeting.

The Committee may appoint, as a co-opted member, an external appointee (subject to the appropriate training) as a member of the Governance and Audit Committee with voting rights.

Membership of the Governance and Audit Committee will be subject to having the appropriate skills, experience and mandatory training set out at 12.3 below.

12.3 **Skills, experience and mandatory training required for members of the Governance and Audit Committee**

(a) **Skills**

- Ability to question, probe and seek clarification about complex issues.
- Ability to contribute to free and open discussions covering a

- wide range of governance, risk and audit issues.
- Ability to work closely with internal and external audit whilst recognising the respective roles of auditors and management

(b) **Experience**

- Familiar with the requirements of legislation and local arrangements for governance, including the role of this committee relative to the role of other committees of the Council
- Familiar with the Council's core activities
- Broad understanding of financial and accounting issues
- Broad understanding of risk management and internal control
- Familiar with regulation and compliance

(c) **Mandatory Training Requirements**

(i) **Induction Training**

- Role of the committee
- Terms of reference
- Time input required of members
- Overview of Council activities
- Financial, risk and control environment.

(ii) **Specific Training**

- Financial reporting, including the statutory timetable
- Governance agenda, including the six core principles of good governance
- Understanding financial statements
- Regulatory framework
- Role of internal and external audit
- Importance of risk management and internal control
- Awareness of counter fraud, bribery & corruption framework

12.4 Meetings of the Committee

- Meetings will take place at least five times per annum
- Additional meetings will be arranged as required to consider exceptional items, etc.
- Appropriate officers of the Council along with the appointed internal and external auditors will be included as regular attendees
- The committee, led by the chairman may request private meetings with both the internal and external auditors.

12.5 Terms of Reference – Terms of reference of the Governance and Audit Committee will be as follows:

<p>(a) <u>Audit Activity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To approve the appointment of internal auditors (ii) To approve (but not direct) internal audit's strategy, plan and monitor performance (iii) To review internal audit progress reports outlining the main issues arising, paying particular attention to reports with limited assurance (iv) To review the status of agreed internal audit recommendations to ensure implementation by the due date (v) To receive the annual report and opinion of the Head of Internal Audit (vi) To consider the appointment of external auditors (vii) To consider and/or review the reports of external audit, including the audit plan, annual letter and certification of grants and returns, etc (viii) To review the effectiveness of the relationship between internal audit and external audit and that the value of the audit process is actively promoted in line with the Accounts and Audit regulations (ix) To meet in private with the internal and external auditors at least annually
<p>(b) <u>Risk Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To approve the risk management strategy and framework (ii) To review the corporate risk register and other key risks (including partnerships) and seek assurance that appropriate mitigating action has been taken where necessary (iii) To approve the annual report on risk management activity and consider the effectiveness of the Council's overall arrangements for managing risk
<p>(c) <u>Governance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To approve the Annual Governance Statement and ensure that in-year assurance statements completed by officers properly reflect the risk and control environment and any actions required to improve it (ii) To approve the Code of Corporate Governance and action plan (iii) To review the effectiveness of the governance arrangements underpinning the establishment and maintenance of key partnerships (iv) To consider the outcome of a self-assessment of the effectiveness of the Committee's work (at least bi-annually) (v) To produce a Chairman's Annual Report on the activities of

the Committee and present to Council

(d) Regulatory Framework

- (i) To review the Council's internal control policies – for example: Contract Procedure Rules, Financial Regulations, Codes of Conduct and Complaints and any significant amendments or revisions to them
- (ii) To monitor, review and amend as appropriate the thresholds and limits contained in the Financial Regulations Guidance Notes
- (iii) To approve the Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Framework, including Whistle-blowing Policy and Anti-Money Laundering Policy
- (iv) To monitor, review and amend as appropriate the Council's approved Treasury Management Strategy paying particular attention to the inherent risks of the prevailing economic/financial climate
- (v) To review the annual report on the effectiveness of the Council's Business Continuity arrangements
- (vi) To review the annual report on the effectiveness of the Council's Health and Safety arrangements
- (vii) To receive an annual report on the Council's involvement in safeguarding vulnerable adults and children
- (viii) To initiate inquiries on matters brought to the Committee's attention by the Chief Executive, Strategic Director, Head of Service or any Council body

(e) Accounts & Financial Reporting

- (i) To approve the annual statement of accounts and receive the external auditor's Annual Governance Report on issues arising from the audit and the value for money opinion.
- (ii) To approve the Annual Revenue and Capital Outturn report, including the movement of reserves
- (iii) To approve the Statement of Accounting Policies to be used in the production of the financial statements. In particular, to approve the underlying assumptions to be used to calculate International Accounting Standard (IAS) 19 pension figures in the statement of accounts
- (iv) To review and draw the attention of the Council to issues arising out of the financial statements and financial reports in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003

(f) Ombudsman

- (i) To consider the Monitoring Officer's annual report on the outcome of Ombudsman enquiries.
- (ii) To consider specific reports from the Ombudsman as required.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented report number LDS023, containing the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. The report contained two recommendations. The first related to the Council's Executive arrangements and the appointment of Leader. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act required that the Council review its Executive arrangements. During 2010, the Council adopted the strong Leader model. The appointment is made for a four year term which would end at the annual council meeting after the next district election. The proposed constitutional changes reflected the legislative provision within the Act. The second recommendation was to increase the size of the Governance and Audit Committee from five to seven members. It was proposed and seconded that the Council accept the recommendations of the Constitution Committee.

Brief comment was made on the legislative provision for the strong Leader Executive model and the size of the Cabinet.

Included in the Constitution Committee's recommendations about the Governance and Audit Committee was provision for a co-opted member. Some Members expressed concern that the co-opted member would have voting rights on that Committee.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that the following paragraph be removed from recommendation 1.3, item 12.2:

"The Committee may appoint, as a co-opted member, an external appointee (subject to the appropriate training) as a member of the Governance and Audit Committee with voting rights."

or that the article be referred back to the Constitution Committee.

Debate ensued about the impact of a co-optee on political balance, accountability and that provision for a co-opted member already existed in the Constitution. A vote on whether to accept the amendment as the substantive motion was taken and lost. A vote was taken on the original proposition to accept the recommendations of the Committee, which was carried.

9. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Decision:

That Councillor Mrs Linda Neal be appointed Leader of the District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Mrs Linda Neal be appointed leader of the Council. There were no other nominations. This was put to the vote and the Council confirmed the appointment.

10. DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF CABINET SEATS

The Leader announced that the Cabinet would continue with six members and announced the appointment of Cabinet members and their portfolios:

Portfolio	Member
Resources	Councillor Mike Taylor
Housing	Councillor Terl Bryant
Healthy Environment	Councillor John Smith
Economic Development	Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Engagement and Corporate Services	Councillor Paul Carpenter
Strategic Partnerships	Councillor Mrs Linda Neal

Councillor Carpenter would remain the Deputy Leader.

11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Decision:

1) To approve the following appointments to Committees and Policy Development Groups based on rules of political balance:

Committee/Group	Member
Resources Policy Development Group	Councillor Nick Craft Councillor Trevor Scott Councillor Jean Bevan Councillor Mike Cook Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor Bob Sandall Councillor Alan Davidson
Engagement Policy Development Group	Councillor Bob Adams Councillor Nick Robins Councillor Brenda Sumner Councillor Rosemary Woolley Councillor Jock Kerr Councillor Ibis Channell Councillor Rob Shorrocks
Communities Policy Development Group	Councillor John Nicholson Councillor Kelham Cooke Councillor Breda Griffin Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor Councillor Ray Wooten Councillor Jeff Thompson Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Mrs Judy Smith Councillor Paul Cosham Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown Councillor Michael King Councillor David Nalson Councillor Bob Russell Councillor Frank Turner Councillor Helen Powell

	<p>Councillor Reg Howard Councillor Bob Sampson Councillor Ian Selby</p>
Development Control Committee	<p>Councillor Alan Parkin Councillor Bob Adams Councillor Mike Cook Councillor David Higgs Councillor Rosemary-Kaberry Brown Councillor Michael King Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor Mrs Judy Smith Councillor Adam Stokes Councillor Brenda Sumner Councillor Martin Wilkins Councillor Debbie Wren Councillor Reg Howard Councillor Vic Kerr Councillor Helen Powell Councillor Mark Ashberry Councillor Charmaine Morgan</p>
Licensing Committee & Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee	<p>Councillor Mrs Pam Bosworth Councillor Frank Turner Councillor George Chivers Councillor Breda Griffin Councillor David Higgs Councillor Graddon Rowlands Councillor Bob Russell Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor Councillor Reg Howard Councillor Bob Broughton Councillor Ian Selby</p>
Governance and Audit	<p>Councillor Ian Stokes Councillor Jean Bevan Councillor Trevor Scott Councillor Martin Wilkins Councillor Rosemary Woolley Councillor Jeff Thompson Councillor Rob Shorrock</p>
Constitution Committee	<p>Councillor Ray Wootten Councillor Adam Stokes Councillor Alan Parkin Councillor Susan Sandall Councillor Mark Ashberry</p>
Standards Committee	<p>Councillor David Nalson Councillor Vic Kerr Councillor Ian Selby Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing</p>
Chief Executive's Remuneration Panel	<p>Councillor Nick Craft Councillor Trevor Scott</p>

	Councillor Bob Sampson
Chief Executive's Performance Panel	Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal Councillor Mike Taylor Councillor Helen Powell
Chief Executive's Appeal Panel	Councillor Paul Carpenter Councillor Ian Stokes Councillor Vic Kerr

2) To approve the appointments of chairmen and vice-chairman

Committee/Group	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Resources Policy Development Group	Councillor Craft	Councillor Scott
Engagement Policy Development Group	Councillor Adams	Councillor Woolley
Communities Policy Development Group	Councillor Nicholson	Councillor Thompson
Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Howard	Councillor Judy Smith
Development Control Committee	Councillor Parkin	Councillor Wilkins
Licensing Committee	Councillor Mrs Bosworth	Councillor Russell
Governance and Audit	Councillor I Stokes	Councillor Bevan
Constitution Committee	Councillor Wootten	Councillor A Stokes
Standards Committee	Mr Chris Holtom	Mr Fred Mann

The Council had before them report number LDS021, which informed Council of the proposed apportionment of places on the Council's committees and policy development committees when the rules of political balance were applied. Members were advised that a single member did not constitute a political group; therefore the Liberal Democrat Councillor would not be entitled to any seats on this basis. Councillors were also informed that the Standards Committee was not subject to the rules of political balance. Normal practice required one representative from each political party, which did provide the opportunity for the Liberal Democrat Member to take a seat on a Committee.

Nominations for seats to Committees were invited from Group Leaders. All nominations were seconded. After membership had been agreed, nominations were taken for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each Committee as detailed above.

12. TIMETABLE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2011/12

Decision:

In accordance with Council procedure rule 1.1 (x) that the meetings of the Council and Committees be held in accordance with the draft programme circulated with the agenda.

The adoption of the draft timetable of Council meetings as circulated with the agenda for the meeting was proposed and seconded.

A procedural motion - Council procedure rule 13 (iv) - was moved and seconded:

"The timings of meetings should be determined at the first meeting of the relevant body by all members of the relevant committee or PDG, taking into account public access and the wide responsibilities of Members."

The proposer argued that when the Council set its timetable it should be aware of the accessibility of meetings for Members of the Council and members of the public. Debate on the amendment followed, during which, issues around making best use of the Council's resources and officer time, the availability of allowances for carers and the transparency of decision-making processes were discussed.

The motion was put to the vote and lost. The Council then voted on accepting the draft programme of meetings, which was carried.

13. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Decision:

To approve the following list of nominations for representatives on outside bodies until the annual meeting in May 2015 (or until where otherwise indicated):

Organisation	Representations
Age UK Kesteven	Councillor Vic Kerr
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	Councillor Bob Russell (until March 2014)
Bourne Youth Centre Management Committee	Councillor Bob Russell
Council for the Protection of Rural England	Councillor John Nicholson
Dame Margaret Thorold's Educational Foundation	Councillor Vic Kerr (until January 2012)
Deeping St. James United Charities	To be decided on 7 July 2011
East Midlands Councils	Councillor Mrs Linda Neal (1 year appointment)
Elsa Park Community Trust	Councillor Judy Smith
Grantham Almshouse Charity	Councillor Ray Wootten
Grantham Canal Partnership	Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Grantham Growth Point Strategic Board	Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright Councillor Nick Craft (Reserve: Councillor Mike Taylor) (Reserve: Councillor Ian Stokes)

Heritage Lincolnshire	Councillor Jeff Thompson
Joseph Clark's (Grantham) Apprenticing Foundation	Councillor Jeff Thompson Councillor Mike Cook
Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association	Councillor Ian Stokes
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board	Councillor Terl Bryant
Lincolnshire Sports Partnership	Councillor John Smith
Local Government Association	Councillor Mrs Linda Neal (1 year appointment)
Local Government Association (Rural Commission)	Councillor John Smith – voting rights Councillor Ray Wootten (1 year appointment)
Local Government Association (Urban Commission)	Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright (voting rights) Councillor Michael King (1 year appointment)
Shaping Health for Mid-Kesteven Programme Board	Councillor Mrs Linda Neal
South Kesteven Citizen's Advice Bureau	Councillor Bob Adams Councillor Bob Sandall Councillor Alan Davidson
South Kesteven Local Children's Partnership	Councillor Mike Taylor
South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership	Councillor Mrs Linda Neal
Stamford Endowed Schools	Councillor John Nicholson
Thomas Truesdale's Hospital	Councillor Bob Sandall
Town Centre management Partnership: Bourne	Councillor David Higgs Councillor Mrs Linda Neal Councillor Bob Russell Councillor John Smith
Grantham Future	Councillor Bob Adams Councillor Alan Parkin
Town Centre Management Partnership: Deepings	To be decided on 7 July 2011
Town Centre Management Partnership: Stamford	Councillor Jean Bevan
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	Councillor Nick Craft Councillor Ian Stokes Councillor Bob Adams (Until March 2014)
Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board	To be decided on 7 July 2011
Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Drainage Management Committee	Councillor Bob Russell
Lincolnshire Waste Partnership	Councillor John Smith

It was proposed and seconded that Council Procedure Rule 13 (xiv) be suspended for this item only. This would see voting by a show of hands instead of using the electronic voting system. This was put to the vote and carried.

Members had before them report number LDS022, by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services setting out those outside bodies and organisations who were seeking district council representation. The Council went through each body in turn, receiving nominations. Where the number of nominees was equal to the number of vacancies, a vote to confirm that representative was taken. When more candidates were nominated than there were vacancies, a vote was taken and the Councillor(s) with the majority of votes were appointed. The names in *italic* indicate the Councillors appointed to the body.

The Council agreed that appointments to Deeping St. James United Charities, Deeping Town Centre Management Partnership and the Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board should be made at the Council meeting on 7 July following the by-election in Deeping St. James on 23 June 2011.

Organisation	Nominations
Age UK Kesteven	<i>Councillor Vic Kerr</i>
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	<i>Councillor Bob Russell</i>
Bourne Youth Centre Management Committee	<i>Councillor Bob Russell</i>
Council for the Protection of Rural England	<i>Councillor John Nicholson</i>
Dame Margaret Thorold's Educational Foundation	<i>Councillor Vic Kerr</i>
East Midlands Councils	<i>Councillor Mrs Linda Neal</i>
Elsa Park Community Trust	<i>Councillor Judy Smith</i>
Grantham Almshouse Charity	<i>Councillor Ray Wooten</i>
Grantham Canal Partnership	<i>Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright</i> <i>Councillor Bob Sampson</i>
Grantham Growth Point Strategic Board	<i>Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright</i> <i>Councillor Nick Craft</i> <i>(Reserve: Councillor Mike Taylor)</i> <i>(Reserve: Councillor Ian Stokes)</i>
Heritage Lincolnshire	<i>Councillor Jeff Thompson</i>
Joseph Clark's (Grantham) Apprenticing Foundation	<i>Councillor Jeff Thompson</i> <i>Councillor Mike Cook</i>
Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown</i> Councillor Helen Powell Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association	<i>Councillor Ian Stokes</i>
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board	<i>Councillor Terl Bryant</i> Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Lincolnshire Sports Partnership	<i>Councillor John Smith</i> Councillor Ian Selby
Local Government Association	<i>Councillor Mrs Linda Neal</i>

Local Government Association (Rural Commission)	<i>Councillor John Smith Councillor Ray Wootten</i>
Local Government Association (Urban Commission)	<i>Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright Councillor Michael King</i>
Shaping Health for Mid-Kesteven Programme Board	<i>Councillor Mrs Linda Neal</i>
South Kesteven Citizen's Advice Bureau	<i>Councillor Bob Adams Councillor Bob Sandall Councillor Alan Davidson</i>
South Kesteven Local Children's Partnership	<i>Councillor Mike Taylor Councillor Charmaine Morgan</i>
South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership	<i>Councillor Mrs Linda Neal</i>
Stamford Endowed Schools	<i>Councillor John Nicholson</i>
Thomas Truesdale's Hospital	<i>Councillor Bob Sandall</i>
Town Centre management Partnership: Bourne	<i>Councillor David Higgs Councillor Mrs Linda Neal Councillor Bob Russell Councillor John Smith</i>
Grantham Future	<i>Councillor Bob Adams Councillor Alan Parkin Councillor Rob Shorrocks</i>
Town Centre Management Partnership: Stamford	<i>Councillor Jean Bevan</i>
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	<i>Councillor Nick Craft Councillor Ian Stokes Councillor Bob Adams</i>
Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Drainage Management Committee	<i>Councillor Bob Russell</i>
Lincolnshire Waste Partnership	<i>Councillor John Smith</i>

From this point forward, the Council reverted to using the electronic voting system.

14. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN

Decision:

- 1) The Council approves the Annual Report of the Governance and Audit Committee for 2010/11**
- 2) The Council notes the indicative work plan and timetable for 2011/12 that reflect the proposed changes to the terms of reference of the Committee**

The Strategic Director for Corporate and Customer Services presented report number GAC003. He explained that the report was brought to Council at the annual meeting every year. It was a factual report on the work that the Governance and Audit Committee had undertaken during the previous year and the indicative work programme for the coming year. The constitutional

changes were reflected in the draft work programme for 2011/12. Mr Turner thanked the outgoing Chairman (Reg Lovelock MBE) for his support, and wished him a happy retirement.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources moved the recommendation that the Council approves the annual report for 2010/11 and notes the indicative work programme for 2011/12. He added his thanks to Mr Lovelock, and extended his gratitude to Committee members and officers for their efforts. The motion was seconded.

Members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. In response to questions, Mr Turner advised Members that there were no resource implications in the training of new Members, as budgetary provision had been made and would be delivered in partnership with North Kesteven District Council to provide efficiencies. Mr Turner also explained, in response to a question on consulting with stakeholders, that the consultation referred to included the publishing of accounts and public access to and scrutiny of the Council's accounts.

The motion to approve the recommendations in report number GAC003 was put to the vote and carried.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 16:41.