

AGENDA



For a meeting of the
RESOURCES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP
to be held on
THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2013
at
2.30 PM
in
WITHAM ROOM - COUNCIL OFFICES, ST. PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM. NG31 6PZ
Beverly Agass, Chief Executive

Group Members:	Councillor Jean Bevan, Councillor Nick Craft (Chairman), Councillor Alan Davidson, Councillor Nick Robins, Councillor Bob Sandall, Councillor Trevor Scott (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Jacky Smith
Portfolio Holders:	Councillor Teri Bryant (Portfolio: Good Housing) Councillor Mike Taylor (Portfolio: Strategic Resources – Well Run Council)
Support Officer:	Jo Toomey Tel: 01476 40 61 52 E-mail: j.toomey@southkesteven.gov.uk

Members of the Group are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.

1. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To receive comments or views from members of the public at the Group's discretion.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Group to be notified of any substitute members.

3. APOLOGIES

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are asked to disclose any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.

5. ACTION NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2013

(Enclosure)

6. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Head of Finance to carry out an equality analysis on the Corporate Debt Management Framework prior to its implementation
- Head of Property Development to provide a breakdown of the number of long stay and short stay car parking spaces (including private sector run facilities) available across the district (Enclosure)

7. FEEDBACK FROM THE EXECUTIVE

8. QUESTION WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Question referred to Resources PDG from Council on 12 September 2013.
Question from Councillor Charmaine Morgan to Councillor Terl Bryant (Portfolio Holder – Good Housing):

During South Kesteven District Council's AGM 2013 Councillors were assured that those residents affected by Bedroom Tax would be able to claim support through Discretionary Housing Payments for rent arrears protection and assistance moving home.

Councillors were advised during the debate that a 'scaleable' fund had been set aside to support residents affected.

In view of this can the following figures be provided by officers:-

- *How many SKDC residents are affected by the Bedroom Tax?*
- *How many applicants have claimed assistance to date with rent arrears protection?*
- *How many applicants have claimed assistance to date with moving costs?*
- *How many applicants have received 100% of their claim?*
- *How many applicants have been rejected for assistance?*
- *How many residents have requested house transfers/exchange as a result of the Bedroom Tax?*
- *How many residents have been successful at moving home as a result of the Bedroom Tax - upsizing and downsizing?*
- *How many residents have moved from SKDC tenancy into*

private/insecure tenancy as a result of the Bedroom Tax?

- *How much money has to date been spent on supporting residents affected by the Bedroom Tax with:*
 - a. Moving Costs*
 - b. Rent arrears prevention*

9. WELFARE REFORM

- Spare room subsidy – verbal update

10. BUSINESS RATES MONITORING

Verbal update by the Head of Finance.

11. FEES AND CHARGES - CAR PARKING

- Consider the charging structure for car parking as part of the 2014/15 budget-setting process

Report number HOF254 by the Head of Finance (Enclosure)

12. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- Update from Working Group

13. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - PROGRESS ON ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Update from the Service Manager – Property Services (HRA).

Report number RIM0320 by the Service Manager – Property Services (HRA). (Enclosure)

14. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2013/14 - MONITORING INFORMATION

Report number HOF252 by the Head of Finance. (Enclosure)

15. WORK PROGRAMME

(Enclosure)

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DECIDES IS URGENT.