



Tuesday, 21 July 2026 at 4.00 pm
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House, St. Peter's Hill,
Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Members: Councillor Ashley Baxter, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Stokes, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Rhys Baker, Councillor Richard Cleaver, Councillor Phil Dilks, Councillor Philip Knowles, Councillor Bridget Ley and Councillor Virginia Moran

Agenda

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1. Public Open Forum

The Cabinet welcomes engagement from members of the public. To speak at this meeting please register no later than one working day prior to the date of the meeting via democracy@southkesteven.gov.uk

2. Apologies for absence

3. Disclosure of Interests

4. Minutes of previous meetings

(Pages 3 - 17)

Minutes of the meetings held on 2 June (ordinary) and 9 June (extraordinary).

Items for Cabinet Decision: Key

5. Warmer Homes Grant

(Pages 19 - 23)

To receive a report outlining the terms of a government grant.

6. Small Unmanned Aircraft (Drone) Policy

(Pages 25 - 43)

Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA) / Drone use is growing at a rapid rate in the UK. Drone usage will provide a safer option for certain work streams, and this Policy sets out the controls required to implement Drones and their use for Council activities.

7. **2026/2027 Pay Award** (Pages 45 - 52)
To explain the reasons for a recommendation to implement a pay award in line with the National Employers' for Local Government Services final offer effective from 1st April 2026.
8. **Refuse and Recycling Operational Policy Update** (Pages 53 - 79)
To provide an update on the changes to the Waste Policy.
9. **Asylum Dispersal Grant Funding** (Pages 81 - 87)
To seek approval on the spending allocation of the Asylum Dispersal Grant Funding received by the Council.
10. **Local Plan Progress and Updates** (Pages 89 - 101)
To consider the future direction of Local Plan preparation and associated governance arrangements.
11. **Stock Management Policy** (Pages 103 - 111)
A draft Stock Management Policy has been developed for consideration and approval by Cabinet.

Items for Cabinet Decision: Non-Key

12. **Designation of Air Quality Management Area Order 2026** (Pages 113 - 120)
To seek approval for the Air Quality Management Area Order 2026, which will supersede Air Quality Management Area Order 2013. This is required due to improvements in Air Quality resulting in the need to remove the Hourly Nitrogen Dioxide designation from the Air Quality Management Area Order.
13. **Housing Revenue Account Provisional Outturn Report 2025/26** (Pages 121 - 132)
This report provides details of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) outturn position for the financial year 2025/26. The report covers the Revenue Budget, Capital Programmes and Reserves overview
14. **General Fund Provisional Outturn Report 2025/26** (Pages 133 - 151)
To provide details of the General Fund provisional outturn position for the Financial Year 2025/26. The report covers the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and a Reserves Overview.

Items for information

15. **Use of Head of Paid Service Emergency Powers** (To Follow)
16. **Key and Non-Key Decisions taken under Delegated Powers** (Pages 153 - 154)
This report provides an overview of decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members since the last ordinary meeting of the Cabinet on 2 June 2026.
17. **Cabinet Forward Plan** (Pages 155 - 165)
This report highlights matters on the Cabinet's Forward Plan.
18. **Open Questions from Councillors**