



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

CABINET FORWARD PLAN
Notice of decisions to be made by Cabinet
6 July 2026 to 5 July 2027

At its meetings, the Cabinet may make Key Decisions and Non-Key Decisions. It may also make recommendations to Council on matters relating to the Council's budget or its policy framework.

A Key Decision is a Cabinet decision that is likely:

1. To result in the District Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the District Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (for these purposes, South Kesteven District Council has agreed £200,000 as the threshold at which a decision will be considered significant); or
2. To be significant in terms of its effects on communities that live or work in an area comprising two or more wards.

The Forward Plan

The Cabinet Forward Plan is a rolling, 12-month plan that will be updated on a regular basis. It includes those Key Decisions and Non-Key Decisions that are scheduled to be considered by Cabinet during the plan period.

Notice of future Cabinet decisions and recommendations to Council

Summary	Date	Action	Contact
Asylum Dispersal Grant Funding - Key Decision			
To seek approval on the spending allocation of the Asylum Dispersal Grant Funding received by the Council	21 Jul 2026	To approve the allocation of the grant funding.	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran) Karen Whitfield, Assistant Director (Leisure, Culture and Place) E-mail: karen.whitfield@southkesteven.gov.uk
Small Unmanned Aircraft (Drone) Policy - Key Decision			
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.	21 Jul 2026	We are seeking approval of the Policy and use of drones for the works specified in the Policy	Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Licensing (Councillor Philip Knowles) Phil Swinton, Emergency Planning and Health & Safety Lead E-mail: phil.swinton@southkesteven.gov.uk
2026/27 Pay Award - Key Decision			
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.	21 Jul 2026	To consider approval	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter) Fran Beckitt, Head of Service – Human Resources and Organisational Development E-mail: fran.beckitt@southkesteven.gov.uk

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Designation of Air Quality Management Area Order 2026 – Non Key Decision			
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.	21 Jul 2026	That Cabinet Approves the Air Quality Management Area Order 2026 by way of a new Declaration.	Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste (Councillor Rhys Baker) Tom Amblin-Lightowler, Environmental Health Manager – Environmental Protection & Private Sector Housing E-mail: tom.amblin-lightowler@southkesteven.gov.uk
Local Plan - Key Decision			
To consider the future direction of Local Plan preparation and associated governance arrangements	21 Jul 2026	To approve the future direction of Local Plan preparation and associated governance arrangements	Cabinet Member for Planning (Councillor Phil Dilks) Emma Whittaker, Assistant Director (Planning & Growth) E-mail: emma.whittaker@southkesteven.gov.uk
Warmer Homes Grant - Key Decision			
To receive a report outlining the terms of a government grant.	21 Jul 2026	To consider accepting the additional funding and the associated budget amendment.	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran) Alison Hall-Wright, Director of Housing and Projects (Deputy Monitoring Officer) E-mail: Alison.Hall-Wright@southkesteven.gov.uk

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Waste Policy Update - Key Decision			
To provide an update on the changes to the Waste Policy.	21 Jul 2026	Approve the updated Waste Policy and recommend the amended policy to Council for approval.	Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste (Councillor Rhys Baker) Kay Boasman, Head of Waste Management and Market Services E-mail: kayleigh.boasman@southkesteven.gov.uk
Stock Management Policy - Key Decision			
A draft Stock Management Policy has been developed for consideration and approval by the Governance and Audit Committee.	21 Jul 2026	To consider approving the Policy.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Licensing (Councillor Philip Knowles) Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer E-mail: richard.wyles@southkesteven.gov.uk
HRA Aids and Adaptations Policy - Key Decision			
Cabinet to review and approve the Aids and Adaptations Policy	8 Sep 2026	To consider approving the report	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran) Mark Rogers, Head of Service (Technical Services) E-mail: mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk
Economic Development Strategy 2026-29 - Key Decision			
To provide Members with a Refreshed Economic Development Strategy 2026-29 for their consideration.	8 Sep 2026	Approval is being sought for the Refreshed Economic Development Strategy 2026-29	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter) Simon Jackson, Economic Development and Inward Investment Manager E-mail: Simon.Jackson@southkesteven.gov.uk

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SKDC Gas Energy Services contract - Key Decision			
To provide authority to enter into a new gas energy contract for the corporate and HRA properties in the Councils Control.	8 Sep 2026	To provide authority to enter into a new gas energy contract for the corporate and HRA properties in the Councils Control.	Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver) Gyles Teasdale, Head of Property and ICT E-mail: gyles.teasdale@southkesteven.gov.uk
Contract Award for Revenues and Benefits system with NEC Software Solutions Ltd. - Key Decision			
To approve the contract award for the Revenues and Benefits system with NEC Software Solutions for £365,654 over 3 years commencing 1 January 2027 (with an option to extend for 1 year, plus 1 year).	8 Sep 2026	To consider approving the contract award.	Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Bridget Ley) Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community) E-mail: claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk
Acquisition of affordable housing - Key Decision			
To seek Cabinet approval to acquire affordable rented dwellings for incorporation into the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA).	8 Sep 2026	Approval and delegation of authority to S151 Officer.	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran) Suniel Pillai, New Build Project Officer E-mail: suniel.pillai@southkesteven.gov.uk
Annual Complaint Performance and Service Improvement Report 2025/26 - Key Decision			
To present the annual complaint information and service improvement plan to cabinet	8 Sep 2026	Provide feedback	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran) Alison Hall-Wright, Director of Housing and Projects (Deputy Monitoring Officer) E-mail: Alison.Hall-Wright@southkesteven.gov.uk

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SKDC Street Lighting maintenance contract - Key Decision			
To seek authority to enter into contract for the award of maintenance services relating to SKDC street lighting.	8 Sep 2026	Authority to enter into contract for the award of maintenance services relating to SKDC street lighting.	Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver) Gyles Teasdale, Head of Property and ICT E-mail: gyles.teasdale@southkesteven.gov.uk
The South Kesteven Design Code - Key Decision			
To propose the adoption at Council of the South Kesteven Design Code as a technical note.	8 Sep 2026	Recommendation to Council to adopt the South Kesteven Design Code	Cabinet Member for Planning (Councillor Phil Dilks) Richard Shaw, Principal Design Officer E-mail: richard.shaw@southkesteven.gov.uk
Tenant Engagement Strategy - Key Decision			
To review and approve the Tenant Engagement Strategy	6 Oct 2026	To consider approving the report	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran) Sarah McQueen, Head of Service (Housing Options) E-mail: sarah.mcqueen@southkesteven.gov.uk
Corporate Property Estates Management Contract - Key Decision			
Authority to enter into contract for the management of SKDC's Corporate Property portfolio.	6 Oct 2026	Authority to enter into contract for the management of SKDC's Corporate Property portfolio.	Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver) Gyles Teasdale, Head of Property and ICT E-mail: gyles.teasdale@southkesteven.gov.uk

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Grantham Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Review – Non Key Decision			
Section 71 of the Planning and Conservation Area act (1990) required local planning authorities to formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their area that are designated as Conservation Areas. As such, this Cabinet Report is seeking approval of consultation on the Grantham Conservation Area boundary amendment, appraisal and management plan.	6 Oct 2026	Cabinet to approve to open public consultation on the Grantham Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan	Cabinet Member for Planning (Councillor Phil Dilks) Ariane Buschmann, Conservation Officer, Claire Saunders, High Street Heritage Action Zone Project E-mail: ariane.buschmann@southkesteven.gov.uk, claire.saunders@southkesteven.gov.uk
Housing Payment Policy 2027/28 - Key Decision			
To provide an update on expenditure and to review responses to public consultation of the proposed Housing Payment Policy 2027/28.	1 Dec 2026	Approve the Housing Payment Policy 2027/28	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter) Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community) E-mail: claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk
Discretionary Council Tax Payment Policy 2027/28 - Key Decision			
This report provides an update on Discretionary Council Tax Payment (DCTP) expenditure and to review the scheme ahead of the Financial Year 2026/27, to seek comments from the Committee regarding proposed scheme for public consultation	1 Dec 2026	Approve the Discretionary Council Tax Payment (DCTP) Policy 2027/28	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter) Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community) E-mail: claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk

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Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2027/28 - Key Decision			
To review the responses to the public consultation of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2027/28.	14 Jan 2027	Approve the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2027/28	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter) Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community) E-mail: claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk
Council Tax Base 2027/28 - Key Decision			
To explain the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2027/28.	14 Jan 2027	That Cabinet recommends to Council the Council Tax Base for 2027/28 in accordance with the relevant legislation.	Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Bridget Ley) Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community) E-mail: claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk