



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

**CABINET FORWARD PLAN**  
**Notice of decisions to be made by Cabinet**  
**7 August 2026 to 6 August 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>HRA Aids and Adaptations Policy - Key Decision</b>                                              |            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 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)<br><br>Mark Rogers, Head of Service (Technical Services)<br><b>E-mail:</b> mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk                                                             |
| <b>Grantham Meres Leisure Centre - Padel Operator - Key Decision</b>                               |            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| To approve a lease and associated arrangements between the Council and a Padel operator            | 8 Sep 2026 | Approval                                                                         | Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver)<br><br>Karen Whitfield, Assistant Director (Leisure, Culture and Place)<br><b>E-mail:</b> karen.whitfield@southkesteven.gov.uk                  |
| <b>Economic Development Strategy 2026-29 - Key Decision</b>                                        |            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 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)<br><br>Simon Jackson, Economic Development and Inward Investment Manager<br><b>E-mail:</b> Simon.Jackson@southkesteven.gov.uk |
| <b>SKDC Gas Energy Services contract - Key Decision</b>                                            |            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 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)<br><br>Gyles Teasdale, Head of Property and ICT<br><b>E-mail:</b> gyles.teasdale@southkesteven.gov.uk                     |
| <b>Contract Award for Revenues and Benefits system with NEC Software Solutions Ltd. - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                 |            |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 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)<br><br>Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community)<br><b>E-mail:</b> claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk       |
| <b>Acquisition of Affordable Housing - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                                |            |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| To seek Cabinet approval to acquire 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)<br><br>Suniel Pillai, New Build Project Officer<br><b>E-mail:</b> suniel.pillai@southkesteven.gov.uk                                              |
| <b>Annual Complaint Performance and Service Improvement Report 2025/26 - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                              |            |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| To present the annual complaint information and service improvement plan to cabinet                                                                                                                    | 8 Sep 2026 | Provide feedback                                                                                                           | Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)<br><br>Alison Hall-Wright, Director of Housing and Projects (Deputy Monitoring Officer)<br><b>E-mail:</b> Alison.Hall-Wright@southkesteven.gov.uk |
| <b>SKDC Street Lighting maintenance contract - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                        |            |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 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)<br><br>Gyles Teasdale, Head of Property and ICT<br><b>E-mail:</b> gyles.teasdale@southkesteven.gov.uk                                     |
| <b>Review of the Public Spaces Protection Order (Vehicle Nuisance, Stamford) -</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |            |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The Council is required to review the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) which apply in the district. This is required every three years. This report considers whether the existing order in place should be extended with a slight variation. | 8 Sep 2026 | Approval of variation and extension of the PSPO. The purpose of the PSPO is to give the Council powers to deal with vehicle related nuisance and anti-social behaviour. | Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)<br><br>Ayeisha Kirkham, Head of Public Protection<br><b>E-mail:</b> ayeisha.kirkham@southkesteven.gov.uk                                                          |
| <b>Ratification of a decision to enter into a contract - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |            |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Cabinet will be asked to ratify a prior decision to enter into a contract.                                                                                                                                                                           | 8 Sep 2026 | To ratify the decision to enter into a contract                                                                                                                         | Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)<br><br>Suniel Pillai, New Build Project Officer<br><b>E-mail:</b> suniel.pillai@southkesteven.gov.uk                                                              |
| <b>Proposed new fees relating to licensing of primates -</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The Licensing Committee recommends to Cabinet the approval of the new primate licensing fees.                                                                                                                                                        | 8 Sep 2026 | To consider the recommendations of Licensing Committee and approve charges to be levied following the introduction of the primate licensing legislation                 | Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Licensing (Councillor Philip Knowles)<br><br>Christian Polzin, Environmental Health Manager – Commercial & Licensing<br><b>E-mail:</b> Christian.polzin@southkesteven.gov.uk |
| <b>Tenant Engagement Strategy - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| To review and approve the Tenant Engagement Strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6 Oct 2026 | To consider approving the report                                                                               | Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)<br><br>Sarah McQueen, Head of Service (Housing Options)<br><b>E-mail:</b> sarah.mcqueen@southkesteven.gov.uk                                                                                        |
| <b>Grantham Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Review -</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |            |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 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)<br><br>Ariane Buschmann, Conservation Officer, Claire Saunders, High Street Heritage Action Zone Project<br><b>E-mail:</b> ariane.buschmann@southkesteven.gov.uk, claire.saunders@southkesteven.gov.uk |
| <b>The South Kesteven Design Code -</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| To propose the adoption at Council of the South Kesteven Design Code as a technical note.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3 Nov 2026 | Recommendation to Council to adopt the South Kesteven Design Code                                              | Cabinet Member for Planning (Councillor Phil Dilks)<br><br>Richard Shaw, Principal Design Officer<br><b>E-mail:</b> richard.shaw@southkesteven.gov.uk                                                                                                      |
| <b>Housing Payment Policy 2027/28 - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |            |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 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)<br><br>Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community)                                                                |

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| <b>Discretionary Council Tax Payment Policy 2027/28 - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |             |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 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                                              | <p>Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter)</p> <p>Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community)<br/> <b>E-mail:</b> claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk</p> |
| <b>Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2027/28 - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |             |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 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                                                         | <p>Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter)</p> <p>Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community)<br/> <b>E-mail:</b> claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk</p> |
| <b>Council Tax Base 2027/28 - Key Decision</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |             |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 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. | <p>Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Bridget Ley)</p> <p>Claire Moses, Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and Community)<br/> <b>E-mail:</b> claire.moses@southkesteven.gov.uk</p>                                              |