



CABINET

Report of: Councillor Matthew Lee
The Leader of the Council

Report to:	Cabinet
Date:	20 December 2018
Subject:	Matters referred to Cabinet by the Council or Overview and Scrutiny Committees since 1 November 2018 (LDS333)

Decision Proposal:	Report for information
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SUMMARY

This report highlights any matters referred to the Cabinet by the Council or by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees since the Cabinet's last meeting on 1 November 2018, as set out in Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Cabinet notes the contents of the report and the matters referred to in Appendix 1.

1. BACKGROUND TO REPORT

Council:

- 1.1 Any matters referred by Council to the Cabinet at the last meeting of Council are contained in Appendix 1 (Part A).

Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

- 1.2 The Council operates the Executive decision-making arrangements as set out in the Local Government Act 2000, which means it is required to have at least one scrutiny committee in place. The Council currently has five Overview and Scrutiny Committees. They meet regularly (and may hold additional meetings as necessary) to discuss items within their remit.
- 1.3 Any recommendations made, or an overview of the topics discussed, by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees since the last meeting of Cabinet are contained in Appendix 1 (Part B).
- 1.4 Where an Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met after the publication of this Cabinet agenda, any outstanding recommendations to the Cabinet will be provided in an addendum to the Cabinet meeting or a synopsis provided with the agenda for the next Cabinet meeting depending on the timing of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

2. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This report is a standing item on the agenda for meetings of the Cabinet. No other options were considered.

3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

4. RISK AND MITIGATION

- 4.1 Risk has been considered as part of this report and no specific high risks were identified in its production.

5. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS (EQUALITY, SAFEGUARDING etc.)

- 5.1 This report draws together any matters referred to the Cabinet from Council and the recommendations that have been made by all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Where appropriate, impact analysis is carried out as part of the development process and presented to Cabinet when it receives the final reports.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 7.1 There are no financial comments arising from this report.

8. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 8.1 This report offers the Cabinet an opportunity to consider matters which have been raised by other Members at meetings of the Council and committees that operate within the executive function of the Council.

9. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

- 9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1: Matters referred from Council (Part A) and Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Part B)

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 None

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MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

PART A: MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

There are no matters referred by Council to Cabinet on this occasion.

PART B: MATTERS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There are no matters referred by the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on this occasion.

CULTURE AND VISITOR ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 15 November 2018

Chairman of Meeting: Councillor Linda Wootten

The items discussed at that meeting and referred to Cabinet are summarised below.

Proposed delivery plan for Culture and Arts activity to the end of the financial year and an outline of proposals for 2019-20

Considerations:

- A presentation on the proposed delivery plan for culture and arts activity for the remainder of 2018/19 and proposals for 2019/20
- The role of arts, culture and heritage in driving social, economic and civic regeneration
- The main priority was delivery of the Cultural Strategy with a consultation events planned around the district
- Work being undertaken with local cultural organizations to help deliver activities, building capacity to ensure future self-sustainability, provide equipment or activity infrastructure

- Events planned in schools during March 2019 designed to engage students, parents and school staff

Recommendations:

- None

Proposed delivery plan for Heritage activity for 2018-19 and an outline of proposals for 2019-20

Considerations:

- A presentation delivered by the Heritage Regeneration Officer on the delivery of a heritage programme within the district
- The heritage programme would focus on three strands: celebrating heritage, enabling communities to utilise and access their heritage assets and delivering selected interventions to further the wider aims of InvestSK and SKDC
- The creation of a celebratory book highlighting the people and places within South Kesteven
- Opportunities for InvestSK to intervene to help deliver programmes where mainstream funding was difficult to obtain
- Opportunities to promote the diverse range of statues, historic buildings and their historic connections
- Opportunities to engage with rural churches to encourage them to be open more often
- Masterplanning for Grantham Heritage Quarter to identify how existing and future programmes of funding could be best applied
- Feasibility work on a heritage skills centre, which would promote traditional skills such as stone masonry, lime plastering and horticulture
- Car parking would be considered in conjunction with work promoting the district's heritage
- The small grant scheme that was in place to support constituted groups, charities, schools and places of worship to discover, interpret and preserve their heritage
- The Heritage Alive! website, which was under development

Outcomes:

- Information on website promotion and visitor hits to be circulated at the next meeting of the Committee

Recommendations:

- None

Visitor Economy

Considerations:

- An update given by the Head of Visitor Economy

- The deployment of a trailer as a marketing tool for the visitor economy
- Statistical information in relation to hits on the current website
- The new website was being developed giving details of accommodation, places to eat, places to visit and walks to take
- Work undertaken with the Civic Societies and Deepings Heritage
- The development of a visitor guide, which was due to be published mid December 2018
- Development of social media channels including Instagram, Facebook and Twitter
- Events celebrating the Royal Air Force's centenary
- Improving the gateway for visitors to Grantham arriving at the railway station

Recommendations:

- None

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 20 November 2018

Chairman of Meeting: Councillor Mike Exton

The items discussed at that meeting and referred to Cabinet are summarised below.

Street lighting

Considerations:

- Report CO0001 of the Chairman of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Notes from street lighting workshop meetings held on 20 February 2018, 11 September 2018 and 23 October 2018
- Comments made by Cabinet at its meeting on 12 July when the matter was referred back to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- The consensus of the Committee that street lights should remain on all night
- Financial assumptions on energy unit rates, cost per lamp and anticipated returns
- More work was required on the financial impact of options including a sensitivity analysis on the impact of different figures and timescales

Recommendations:

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends to Cabinet:

1. That conservation style lighting columns in villages will only be provided by the Council upon request by the parish council, which will be required to fund the installation and initial costs. Thereafter, the Council will take responsibility for on-going maintenance and energy costs. Conservation lights will be compatible with LED replacement bulbs
2. That the Cabinet adopts the Street Lighting Policy as recommended to Cabinet at its meeting on 12 July 2018

3. An annual investment in LED lighting of a meaningful amount over and above the ring-fenced maintenance and energy savings which should also be reinvested over a period of five years. This represented a positive financial investment and a positive investment by the Cabinet in helping against climate change

Link to relevant papers:

- Report CO0001
<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s21732/CO0001.pdf>

Recycling

Considerations:

- A presentation on the challenges and complexities of recycling
- The Council's recycling rate stood at 39.7% which, while below target, reflected the national decrease in recycling
- The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership was working towards a Lincolnshire-wide agreement to provide a more consistent list of what could be recycled
- The introduction of the pilot food waste collection scheme had reduced contamination
- Support by Members for education with regard to recycling and the recycling wheel

Outcomes:

- That a quote be obtained in relation to the possible introduction of a recycling when previously circulated in the district in the future.

Recommendations:

- None

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Lincolnshire

Considerations:

- Report number ENV709 of the Cabinet Member for Environment
- The draft Lincolnshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
- The presentation on the draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy delivered to the Committee in April 2018 and a Member workshop that informed the consultation response on the draft document

Recommendations:

- That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends to Cabinet that the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy as appended to report number ENV709 be adopted

Link to relevant papers:

- Report ENV709:
<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s21694/ENV709.pdf>
- Report ENV709, Appendix 1
<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s21695/ENV709%20appendix%201.pdf>

GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 28 November 2018

Chairman of Meeting: Councillor Robert Reid

The items discussed at that meeting and referred to Cabinet are summarised below.

Quarter 2 financial management report 2018/19

Considerations

- Report number CFM478 of the Cabinet Member for Finance
- The forecast outturn position for 2018/19 as at the end of Quarter 2 for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Budgets and Capital Programmes
- An update on the national financial context
- Information on the national Budget Statement
- An update on the business rates pilot
- Forecast growth projections for South Kesteven

Outcomes

- The Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee would receive quarterly reports on the forecast outturn position
- The finance report recently presented to Council that included details on investment balances be circulated to members of the Committee
- That the Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee receives a report on performance monitoring and key performance indicators at a future meeting
- Following an in-depth review of the comments and figures contained in report CFM478, the Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Noted that officers continued to identify actions and were taking measures to effectively manage the overall budget in order to reduce the impact of any adverse projected pressures that could result in overspends
 - Noted the Government's proposed changes in respect of business rates and other Budget announcements
 - Noted the current performance of the business rates pilot

Recommendations

- That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends to Cabinet the allocation of the projected business rate financial growth

Link to relevant papers:

- Report CFM478:
<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s21783/CFM478%20Budget%20Monitoring%20Qtr2%20Final%2020.11.18.pdf>

RURAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 21 November 2018

Chairman of Meeting: Councillor Bob Sampson

The items discussed at that meeting and referred to Cabinet are summarised below.

Loneliness**Considerations**

- Arrangements that were being put in place for a workshop to consider loneliness, which would be open to all Councillors and representatives from outside bodies and organizations that deal with the issues of loneliness and social exclusion
- The aim of the workshop would be to ascertain services and facilities that were available to prevent loneliness, where there were gaps, the type of provision and ways of communicating and engaging with communities across the district

Outcomes

- That the Committee receives data profiles and other health information
- That the Business Knowledge and Innovation Officer prepares and arranges a workshop to consider the issues around loneliness

Recommendations

- None