

# Council



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL



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Thursday, 17 December 2020 at 1.00 pm  
Virtual meeting - This meeting is being held remotely  
using Skype for Business

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**Members:** Councillor Breda Griffin, Chairman of the Council (Chairman)  
Councillor Ian Stokes, Vice-Chairman of the Council (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Bob Adams	Councillor Ashley Baxter	Councillor David Bellamy
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing	Councillor Mrs Pam Bosworth	Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor George Chivers	Councillor Louise Clack	Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor John Cottier	Councillor Helen Crawford	Councillor John Dawson
Councillor Phil Dilks	Councillor Barry Dobson	Councillor Mike Exton
Councillor Paul Fellows	Councillor Helen Goral	Councillor Jan Hansen
Councillor Graham Jeal	Councillor Gloria Johnson	Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Anna Kelly	Councillor Ms Jane Kingman	Councillor Philip Knowles
Councillor Matthew Lee	Councillor Nikki Manterfield	Councillor Annie Mason
Councillor Penny Milnes	Councillor Virginia Moran	Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Councillor Dr Peter Moseley	Councillor Robert Reid	Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Susan Sandall	Councillor Ian Selby	Councillor Jacky Smith
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith	Councillor Lee Steptoe	Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Adam Stokes	Councillor Jill Thomas	Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew
Councillor Sarah Trotter	Councillor Dean Ward	Councillor Hannah Westropp
Councillor Hilary Westropp	Councillor Amanda Wheeler	Councillor Mark Whittington
Councillor Jane Wood	Councillor Paul Wood	Councillor Sue Woolley
Councillor Linda Wootten	Councillor Ray Wootten	

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# Agenda

**Please note this meeting is for those agenda items adjourned from the Council meeting held on 26, November 2020.**

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## Virtual Meeting - Joining Arrangements

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### 1. Register of attendance and apologies for absence

### 2. Disclosure of Interests

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

### 3. Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20

(Pages 5 - 34)

This report covers meetings and activity from the 2019/20 municipal year. It provides a summary of the work undertaken by all the Overview and Scrutiny Committees during 2019/20.

### 4. Housing Compliance Audit 2020 including Riverside Inquiry and Housing Development Update

(Pages 35 - 97)

To provide Members with an update and information regarding the Housing Compliance Audit and the Riverside Independent Inquiry 2020.

### 5. Updates from the Leader of the Council

#### a) Meetings of the Cabinet

(Pages 99 - 107)

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13 October 2020 (approved by the Cabinet on 3 November 2020) are provided for Councillors' information. The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2020 will be made available at a future meeting of the Council following their approval by the Cabinet. (This item includes an exempt appendix, which can be found at item 15 of the agenda pack).

#### b) Decisions made under urgency provisions

(Pages 109 - 110)

This report sets out those decisions that have been made under urgency provisions set out within the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Constitution.

- General Exception – disposal of a Council Asset – St. Martin's Park, Stamford

### 6. Members' Open Questions

A 45-minute period in which members may ask questions of the Leader, Cabinet Members, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and opposition group leaders excluding the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, Licensing and Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committees and Governance and Audit Committee.

## 7. Notices of Motion given under Article 4.9 of the Council's Constitution:

### a) Councillor Charmaine Morgan

This Council will undertake an urgent and complete review of the management and enforcement of environmental regulations in relation to the maintenance of the wellbeing and safety of private tenants and other residents within the South Kesteven District.

- a) The review will include the examination of communications and formal complaints received in relation to the failure of private landlords and/or tenants to comply with legislative requirements.
- b) The review will consider how promptly and how effectively those complaints are handled.
- c) An examination will take place of existing national legislation
- d) the procedures implemented by South Kesteven District Council, and the speed and level of enforcement action and use of escalation taken by South Kesteven District Council Environmental Officers, particularly where there is an issue relating to safety and the wellbeing of tenants and residents affected.
- e) It will identify if adequate resource has been allocated to the Environmental team to enable officers to carry out their duties fully to ensure South Kesteven District Council remains compliant.
- f) The findings of the review will be reported back to full Council with any issues identified and agreed action/resources required to address them.

### b) Councillor Charmaine Morgan

Recognising there is a shortage of affordable social housing and need to support all, including our most vulnerable residents, South Kesteven District Council members support the provision of an SKDC funded **Rent Guarantor Scheme** or **Guaranteed Rent Scheme** to enable residents in receipt of benefit income or a pension to gain access to housing in the private rented sector.

- a) It provides an assurance to private landlords and housing associations that their rental costs and potential repair costs will be met for the duration of the Term of the Contract.
- b) It offers councils the ability to re-house people, notably in receipt of benefits, or, low income, otherwise unable to access private rented housing left in inappropriate accommodation and/or for prolonged periods on the council waiting list.
- c) The scheme also enables the council to agree predefined standards with both tenant and landlord.

## 8. Exclusion of Press and Public

To exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business due to the likelihood that information that is exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## 9. Meetings of Cabinet - Appendix 2

(Pages 111 - 112)

To receive Appendix 2 to the report, exempt minute Cabinet 13 October 2020

The deadline for notices of motion for the Council meeting on Thursday, 28 January 2021 is 1pm on Friday 15 January 2021.