

Council



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Thursday, 22 September 2022 at 1.00 pm
Council Chamber - Council Offices, St. Peter's Hill,
Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Members: Councillor Helen Crawford, Chairman of the Council
Councillor Gloria Johnson, Vice-Chairman of the Council

Councillor Ashley Baxter
Councillor David Bellamy
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Mrs Pam Bosworth
Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Louise Clack
Councillor Richard Cleaver
Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor John Cottier
Councillor John Dawson
Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor Richard Dixon-
Warren
Councillor Barry Dobson
Councillor Paul Fellows
Councillor Ben Green
Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin
Councillor Jan Hansen

Councillor Graham Jeal
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 Robert Reid
Councillor Kaffy Rice-Oxley
Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Penny Robins
Councillor Susan Sandall
Councillor Ian Selby
Councillor Jacky Smith

Councillor Lee Steptoe
Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Ian 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

Agenda

This meeting can be watched as a live stream, or at a later date, via the [SKDC YouTube Channel](#)

For those Councillors who wish to attend, prayers will be held at 12:55pm before the commencement of the meeting. Please be seated by 12:50pm.

1. Public Open Forum

The public open forum will commence at **1.00 p.m.** and the following formal business of the Council will commence at **1.30 p.m.** or whenever the public open forum ends, if earlier.

2. Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. Disclosure of Interests

To receive any declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2022

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.

(Pages 5 - 24)

5. Communications (including Chairman's Announcements)

To receive any announcements or other items of communication.

6. Horbling Conservation Area

To consider whether the Council should designate the Horbling Conservation Area and adopt the Horbling Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (September 2022).

(Pages 25 - 59)

7. Political Proportionality, Allocation of Committee Seats and appointment of Armed Forces Lead Member

To provide Full Council with an update on the political proportionality and allocation of seats on Committees since the last meeting and the opportunity to consider the appointment of an Armed Forces Lead Member.

(Pages 61 - 66)

8. 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.

9. Notices of Motion

To consider the following Notice of Motion:

a) Councillor Amanda Wheeler

This Council notes that:

After an increase of 50% in April this year, Ofgem have again increased the energy price cap, this time by 80%, taking a typical household energy bill to £3,549 a year.

As well as soaring energy bills, food prices are growing rapidly and the Bank of England has warned that inflation, currently at 11%, is likely to hit 13%, increasing the risk of recession. In 2021/22 Grantham's Food bank alone provided 42,723 meals. Demand on all the Food banks in our district – Bourne, Stamford and the Deepings – continues to grow.

This Council therefore:

- 1. declares a 'Cost of Living Emergency' and calls on the Government to cancel the energy price cap increase due in October;*
- 2. pledges to improve communication of Housing Benefit and Council Tax support schemes for those on low incomes in order to ensure those who are entitled to additional support are receiving it;*
- 3. resolves to organise a local 'Cost of Living Emergency Summit' with key groups including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, local community and business groups and Town & Parish Councils to discuss how it can best support its residents through this current crisis and use its influence and resources to create positive change.*

October: The price cap announced in August takes effect. A £400 grant to reduce energy bills for all UK households will start to roll-out.

November: Ofgem will set the price cap again after changing its policy to review it every three months, rather than every six.

January 2023: Energy bills forecast by consultancy Cornwall Insight to hit more than £5,300 a year for a typical household.

April 2023: Energy bills forecast by consultancy Cornwall Insight to hit more than £6,600 a year for a typical household.

10. Close of meeting