

Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Thursday, 16 March 2023 at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House,
St. Peter's Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Members: Councillor Sarah Trotter (Chairman)
Councillor Barry Dobson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Richard Cleaver, Councillor Richard Dixon-Warren, Councillor Penny Milnes, Councillor Hilary Westropp and Councillor Ray Wootten

Agenda

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1. Public Speaking

The Council welcomes engagement from members of the public. To speak at this meeting please register no later than 24 hours prior to the date of the meeting via democracy@southkesteven.gov.uk

2. Apologies for absence

3. Disclosure of Interest

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

4. Minutes from the meeting held on 9 February 2023 (Pages 3 - 18)

5. Minutes from the Joint Meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 6 February 2023 (Pages 19 - 26)

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- 6. Updates from the previous meeting** (Pages 27 - 28)
To receive updates on actions agreed at the previous meeting.
- 7. Announcements or updates from the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Members or the Head of Paid Service**
- 8. Crime Disorder and Local Partnership working update**
To provide a joint presentation with Lincolnshire Police to the Committee.
- 9. Development of a Communities Strategy** (Pages 29 - 34)
The purpose of this report is to consider and comment on the development of a new Communities Strategy exploring opportunities for engagement and development with the voluntary and community sector of South Kesteven.
- 10. Cost of Living update** (Pages 35 - 63)
The purpose of this report is to provide an update regarding the actions taken by the Cost of Living Strategic Working Group and the outcome of the Wellbeing Fair which was held on 25 February 2023.
- 11. SK Community Fund** (Pages 65 - 75)
The purpose of this report is two-fold, to (a) consider proposed changes to the funding criteria of the SK Community Fund and (b) provide a recommendation to the Cabinet Member for People and Safer Communities to approve the changes, to allow the Fund to re-open to applications in April 2023.
- 12. Regulatory Compliance** (Pages 77 - 89)
This report seeks to update Committee on actions to ensure regulatory compliance of the Council's social housing landlord function following the non-compliance notice issued by the Regulator of Social Housing.
- 13. Work Programme 2022 – 2023** (Pages 91 - 94)
To receive the Work Programme for 2022 – 2023.
- 14. Any other business which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, decides is urgent**