Council

Annual Meeting

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thursday, 23 May 2024 at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Members: Councillor Gloria Johnson, Chairman of the Council
Councillor Paul Fellows, Vice-Chairman of the Council

Councillor Matthew Bailey
Councillor Emma Baker
Councillor Rhys Baker
Councillor Ashley Baxter
Councillor David Bellamy
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Pam Bosworth
Councillor Pam Byrd
Councillor Richard Cleaver
Councillor Helen Crawford
Councillor Steven Cunnington
Councillor James Denniston
Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor Richard Dixon-Warren
Councillor Barry Dobson
Councillor Patsy Ellis
Councillor Phil Gadd
Councillor Ben Green
Councillor Tim Harrison
Councillor Graham Jeal
Councillor Anna Kelly
Councillor Jane Kingman
Councillor Gareth Knight
Councillor Philip Knowles
Councillor Zoe Lane
Councillor Robert Leadenham
Councillor Bridget Ley
Councillor Nikki Manterfield
Councillor Paul Martin
Councillor Penny Milnes
Councillor Virginia Moran
Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Councillor Chris Noon
Councillor Habibur Rahman
Councillor Rhea Rayside
Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Penny Robins
Councillor Susan Sandall
Councillor Max Sawyer
Councillor Ian Selby
Councillor Rob Shorrock
Councillor Vanessa Smith
Councillor Peter Stephens
Councillor Lee Steptoe
Councillor Ian Stokes
Councillor Paul Stokes
Councillor Elvis Stooke
Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew
Councillor Sarah Trotter
Councillor Murray Turner
Councillor Mark Whittington
Councillor Jane Wood
Councillor Paul Wood
Councillor Sue Woolley

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Agenda

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For those Councillors who wish to attend, prayers will be held at 1:55pm before the commencement of the meeting. Please be seated by 1:50pm.

1. **Public Open Forum**
   The public open forum will commence at **2.00 p.m.** and the following formal business of the Council will commence at **2.30 p.m.** or whenever the public open forum ends, if earlier.

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Election of Chairman**

4. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

5. **Disclosure of Interests**
   Members are asked to disclose any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.

6. **Minutes of Previous Meetings** (Pages 5 - 28)
   To include:
   - Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 8 February 2024
   - Exempt Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 8 February 2024
   - Minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2024.

   The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 are exempted from publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as the information within is commercially sensitive.

7. **Communications (including Chairman's Announcements)**

8. **Announcement by the Leader of the Council on the Size and Membership of Cabinet and Cabinet Members' Remits**

9. **Programme of Meetings of Full Council, Cabinet and Committees for 2024/2025** (Pages 29 - 33)
   It is the business of the Annual meeting of Full Council to approve a programme of ordinary meetings of Full Council for the year. This report also sets out the dates for meetings of Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other Committees of the Council.

10. Appointments to Committees and Panels of the Council and the Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen (Pages 35 - 43)

This report sets out the requirements placed on Full Council for the appointment of Members to its Committees and Panels, and the appointment of their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

All Political Group Leaders are responsible for nominating Members from within their respective Groups to each of the Committees, in accordance with political balance as appropriate. Full Council will appoint the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees.

11. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies (Pages 45 - 49)

The Council at its Annual meeting will receive nominations of Councillors to serve on a variety of Outside Bodies.

12. Brownfield Land Release Fund Grant (Pages 51 - 53)

The Council submitted a bid for £2.8m for the Brownfield Land Release Fund. The outcome of the bid is expected in summer 2024 and this report seeks a delegation to approve any Grant award.

13. Proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution (Pages 55 - 60)

To provide Full Council with an opportunity to consider proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution as recommended by the Governance and Audit Committee.

14. Update of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (Pages 61 - 169)

To provide the Council with an opportunity to consider recommendations from the Licensing Committee to amend the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

15. Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2023/2024 (Pages 171 - 187)

To present the Annual Report of the Governance and Audit Committee for 2023/2024 for Council including the indicative work plan and timetable for 2024/2025.

16. Decisions Taken Under Urgency (Pages 189 - 191)

To inform members of any decisions taken using urgency provisions during 2023/2024.

17. Grantham Market Place - Possible interventions to encourage footfall and support businesses (To Follow)

To consider the potential for using budgets, reserves and UK Shared Prosperity funding (UKSPF) in a variety of ways to support the project and businesses.

18. 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.

19. Close of meeting