

Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



SOUTH
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DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Thursday, 1 February 2024 at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House,
St. Peter's Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Members: Councillor Nikki Manterfield (Chairman)
Councillor Steven Cunningham (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Pam Byrd, Councillor Robert Leadenham, Councillor Penny Milnes,
Councillor Virginia Moran, Councillor Habibur Rahman, Councillor Vanessa Smith
and Councillor Sarah Trotter

Agenda

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1. Public Speaking

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To speak at this meeting please register no later than 24 hours
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2. Apologies for absence

3. Disclosure of Interest

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

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4. **Minutes from the meeting held on 14 December 2023** (Pages 3 - 14)
5. **Updates from the previous meeting** (Page 15)

To receive updates on actions agreed at the previous meeting.
6. **Announcements or updates from the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Members or the Head of Paid Service**
7. **Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan** (Pages 17 - 27)

This report provides an update on the council's actions to meet its responsibilities under the Armed Forces Act and the Armed Forces Covenant, achievements under the Council's Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award engagement and advocacy agendas and plans for the coming year.
8. **Council in the Community** (Pages 29 - 34)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on two outreach initiatives that were instigated in 2023, namely Council in the Community and SK Funding Workshops. This report provides an overview of both initiatives, their impact and outlines future plans for such community engagement.
9. **Cost of Living Team Update** (Pages 35 - 55)

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a background regarding Household Support Fund, the formation of the Cost of Living Team and an update regarding the activity undertaken by the team, number of residents supported, value of support provided and an update regarding District, County and National activities.
10. **Private Sector Housing Adaptions Policy** (Pages 57 - 136)

The Council currently provides discretionary disabled facility grants (DFG) for adaptations to private residential dwellings within the district, in addition to its mandatory DFGs requirement. The Council is required to publish a policy if it provides discretionary DFGs and the existing Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy is out of date and due for review. The report provides the updated options of the policy for consideration.
11. **Work Programme 2023-24** (Pages 137 - 139)

To receive the Work Programme for 2023-24.
12. **Any other business which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, decides is urgent**