

Council



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Thursday, 30 January 2025 at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House, St. Peter's
Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Members: Councillor Paul Fellows, Chairman of the Council
Councillor Ian Selby, 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 Gloria Johnson
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 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

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. Disclosure of Interests

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2024

(Pages 5 - 20)

5. Communications (including Chairman's Announcements)

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6. Fees and Charges Proposals 2025/2026

To set out the proposed fees and charges to be introduced for the financial year 2025/2026.

(Pages 23 - 74)

7. Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/2026

(Pages 75 - 102)

This report reviews the responses to the public consultation of the Council's Local Council Tax Support scheme, along with the recommendations from the Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee which took place on 26 November 2024.

8. Pay Policy Statement 2025/2026

(Pages 103 - 118)

It is a requirement of the Localism Act 2011 that the Council produces an Annual Pay Policy Statement. This summarises current policies and arrangements in place relating to pay. The Pay Policy Statement is approved each year by Council as part of the budget setting and approval process. The Statement was recommended to Full Council by the Employment Committee meeting held on 13 November 2024.

9. Proposed Amendments to the Council's Constitution

(Pages 119 - 125)

To consider a recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee held on 22 January 2025 to amend the Council's Constitution.

10. 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.

11. Notices of Motion

a) Councillor Graham Jeal

In September 2022 and in response to a series of code of conduct violations, group leaders from South Kesteven district council signed the Local Government Association campaign statement on Debate not Hate. This is reprinted in full below:

*"The intimidation and abuse of councillors, in person or otherwise, undermines democracy; it can prevent elected members from representing the communities they serve, deter individuals from standing for election, and undermine public trust in democratic processes. **Seven in 10 councillors reported experiencing abuse and intimidation over the last 12 months** and councillors reported feeling that abuse is becoming more common and increasing in severity. Debating and disagreeing with one another has always been, and will continue to be, a healthy part of democracy. However, the right engagement matters and abuse and intimidation crosses the line into dangerous territory and has no place in politics."*

This Council reaffirms the principles of the LGA "Debate Not Hate" campaign.

12. Close of meeting