

Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 10.00 am
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House, St. Peter's Hill,
Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Members: Councillor Nikki Manterfield (Chairman)
Councillor Steven Cunnington (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Pam Byrd, Councillor James Denniston, Councillor Richard Dixon-Warren, Councillor Robert Leadenham, Councillor Habibur Rahman, Councillor Vanessa Smith and Councillor Peter Stephens

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 12 December 2024** (Pages 3 - 8)

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5. **Updates from the previous meeting** (Page 9)
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. **Road Safety & Speeding in Communities Presentation**
8. **South Kesteven Agricultural Sector** (Pages 11 - 22)
To inform the Committee of the challenges facing the local agricultural sector and the communities centered on that business
9. **Age Friendly Communities** (Pages 23 - 91)
To provide an update on the progress of South Kesteven District Council becoming an Age Friendly Community.
10. **SK Community Fund - Review of Eligibility Criteria 2025** (Pages 93 - 96)
To consider proposed changes to determine access to the SK Community Fund: Main and Small Grants Scheme and provide a recommendation to the Cabinet Member on a revised eligibility criteria.
11. **Community Awards Working Group - Verbal Update**
12. **Armed Forces Covenant Update 2024** (Pages 97 - 107)
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.
13. **Work Programme 2024 - 2025** (Pages 109 - 111)
To receive the Work Programme for 2024 – 2025.
14. **Any other business which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, decides is urgent**