

# Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



SOUTH  
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DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

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

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**Committee Members:** Councillor Nikki Manterfield (Chairman)  
Councillor Steven Cunningham (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

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## 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](mailto: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**