

Council



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Thursday, 20 November 2025 at 1.00 pm
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House, St. Peter's
Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Members: Councillor Ian Selby, Chairman of the Council
Councillor Anna Kelly, 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 Cunningham
Councillor James Denniston
Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor Barry Dobson
Councillor Patsy Ellis
Councillor Paul Fellows
Councillor Ben Green
Councillor Tim Harrison

Councillor Graham Jeal
Councillor Gloria Johnson
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 Habib 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 12:55pm before the commencement of the meeting. Please be seated by 12:50pm.

1. Public Open Forum

The public open forum will commence at **1.00 p.m.** and the following formal business of the Council will commence at **1.30 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 previous meetings

(Pages 5 - 27)

Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (18 September 2025) and two extraordinary meetings held on 13 October 2025.

5. Communications (including Chairman's Announcements)

(Page 29)

6. Appointment of Interim Monitoring Officer

(Pages 31 - 33)

To consider a recommendation from Employment Committee to appoint a Monitoring Officer.

7. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Framework Amendment 2025/26

(Pages 35 - 40)

The report seeks approval for Budget Framework amendment to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) in the 2025/2026 financial year, a recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 4 November 2025.

8. Appointments to Committees and Panels of the Council

(Pages 41 - 47)

All Political Group Leaders are responsible for nominating Members from within their respective Groups to each of the Committees/Panels, in accordance with the political proportionality of the Authority as appropriate.

9. Local Government Reorganisation

(Pages 49 - 732)

For Full Council to debate the final proposal for Local Government Reorganisation and to agree any recommendations for Cabinet to consider.

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 Ben Green

Council Motion: 10 Per Cent Reduction in Special Responsibility Allowances

This Council notes that residents across our district continue to face significant financial pressures under the ongoing cost of living crisis. Household budgets are being squeezed by Chancellor Rachel Reeves's high-tax, low-growth policies and Energy Secretary Ed Miliband's costly, ideological approach to energy. Ordinary working families are paying the price for the economic mismanagement of the legacy parties, which have prioritised political convenience over competence for too long.

Reform UK believes that elected representatives must lead by example. While residents are forced to tighten their belts, too many in public life have insulated themselves from the same financial realities. Public service is a duty – not an entitlement – and it is time that principle was reflected here.

Accordingly, this Council is minded to:

- 1. Implement a 10 per cent reduction in all Special Responsibility Allowances, including but not limited to those paid to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs, and Political Group Leaders.*
- 2. Allocate the savings generated to a **Taxpayers' Fairness Reserve**, to help offset future council tax increases and relieve financial pressure on residents.*

At a time when local families are being asked to do more with less, this Council should demonstrate leadership and integrity – proving that fiscal discipline begins with those entrusted to spend the public's money.

b) Councillor Graham Jeal

Council notes:

That Councillor Ray Wootten served the residents of Grantham St Wulfram's Ward and South Kesteven with great distinction for many years, representing his community in a cross-party manner with dedication, compassion, and good humour.

That during his time in public service, Cllr Ray Wootten played a significant role in supporting local causes, mentoring colleagues, improving community facilities, serving as Mayor of Grantham, Chairman of South Kesteven District Council, Lincolnshire County Councillor, and promoting civic pride across the district.

That Wyndham Park holds a special place in the life of Grantham as a much-loved public space which continues to attract visitors from near and far. Wyndham Park is shared between the wards of Grantham St Vincent's and Grantham St Wulfram's, and would

therefore be an appropriate place for South Kesteven District Council to recognise the contribution made by Cllr Wootten to the people of Grantham.

Council further notes:

That there is currently no formal public recognition of Cllr Wootten's long service and contribution to the life of our community following his passing in 2023.

Council therefore resolves:

- 1. That a public consultation be launched to seek views on renaming the Wyndham Park Visitor Centre as the "Ray Wootten Visitor Centre", in recognition of his many years of service to the people of Grantham and South Kesteven.*
- 2. That the consultation be publicised through the Council's website, social media channels, and local media outlets, ensuring that residents, park users, and the Friends of Wyndham Park volunteer group have the opportunity to share their views.*
- 3. That following the consultation, a report be presented by the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure to the Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee outlining the findings and recommendations for consideration.*

12. Close of meeting