

Decision Notice

CABINET
TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2026



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Call-in

Unless stated otherwise, all decisions are subject to call-in. The last date for call-in is 13 May 2026. Decisions cannot be implemented until the working day after this date.

5. Wharf Road Multi Storey Remedial Works - Phase II

Decision

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the award of a contract to Rio Asphalt & Paving Co Ltd for a value of £298,948.12 exclusive of VAT for essential resurfacing of Level Four of Wharf Road Multi-Storey Car Park Grantham.
2. Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Property to award a further contract for general repair works to all levels of the Wharf Road Multi-Storey Car Park Grantham.

Reasons for the decision

The structure of the car park was deteriorating as evidenced by corrosion of the concrete plank structural fixings below Level 3. Resurfacing with mastic asphalt to Level 3 would prevent water ingress and the existing corrosion would be treated to prevent further deterioration.

Other options considered

Delaying the works further would have meant the car park surface and underlying concrete framed structure would further deteriorate leading to much higher costs in the future.

6. Award of Arboricultural Services Contract

Decision

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the contract award for the provision of arboricultural services to Crimson Kings (Midlands) Ltd for a two-year term for an estimated

annual sum of £150,000, with an option to extend annually for up to a further two years.

- 2. Delegate authority to the Director of Housing & Projects, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, to extend the contract by up to a further two years should this be required.**

Reasons for the decision

This contract would ensure high-quality, safe and professional tree work in accordance with national standards, with clearly defined quality criteria covering operational practices, health and safety, environmental management, responsiveness, professional competence and customer service. The contract would provide consistency, transparency, and value for money for the Council's ongoing tree management responsibilities.

Crimson Kings (Midlands) Ltd obtained the highest combined score and were therefore the preferred supplier.

Other options considered

Continue to procure arboricultural services by obtaining individual quotations for each piece of work or parcel of activity. This option was discounted both based on the expected value for overall works, and because this approach risked an increased overall cost.

7. Leisure Improvement Works - Phase One

Decision

That Cabinet:

- 1. Approves the contract award for the leisure improvement works at a cost of £321,222.00 to the preferred supplier Northdown Property Services (NPS) Limited, for a period of up to six months with the option to extend for a further six months if required.**
- 2. Approve the allocation of a revenue budget from the Leisure Investment Reserve to fund the works.**
- 3. Delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture to extend the contract by up to a further six months and make any contract variations to the scope of works should this be required.**

Reasons for the decision

The contract with NPS Limited would ensure that the changing rooms were refurbished to a high standard and undertaken in accordance with agreed budgets,

thus improving the customer experience across each of the three leisure centres and sports stadium.

A compliant procurement exercise was undertaken to identify a preferred contractor and following expiry of the appropriate standstill period the contract needed to be formally awarded.

Other options considered

The Council could have chosen not to undertake the phase one improvement works; however, this was discounted as the Leisure Investment Reserve has been established with the primary objective of improving the cosmetic appearance of each of the three leisure centres and sports stadium.

8. South Kesteven Shopfront Design Guide Review

Decision

That Cabinet:

- 1. Note the report on the South Kesteven Shop Front Design Guidance following the initial 18-month review period agreed during its adoption by Cabinet on 5 November 2024.**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Planning & Growth in conjunction with Cabinet Member for Planning to approve 'quick reference guides' produced based on the document for use; and approve minor changes to the document including images and formatting which do not impact the substantive guidance given within the document.**

Reasons for the decision

Clear and accessible shopfront design guidance was important to maintaining the quality of the historic environment within the district's town centres, and thereby their attractiveness to visitors, residents and businesses.

The resolutions made within this report ensured that guidance remains accessible, accurate and relevant, and would support the maintenance of a high-quality environment within South Kesteven's town centres.

Other options considered

The 'do nothing' option, to not implement any suggestions raised through the review of the document was considered. However, although this guidance document represented a very recent update in comparison to previous documents, it was important that the guidance be up to date and accessible to ensure that businesses were able to comply with all relevant requirements and legislation. As such the 'do nothing' option was discounted in favour of producing 'quick reference' guides on key topics within the guidance and reviewing Shopfront Design guidance on a pentannual basis.

9. Provisional Outturn 2025/26 – Budget Carry Forwards

Decision

That Cabinet delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, HR & Economic Development, to finalise the 2025/26 budget carry forwards for Capital and Revenue expenditure in respect of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

Reasons for the decision

To ensure the efficient transfer of funding allocation between financial years without unnecessary delay.

Other options considered

Budget carry forwards could have been presented to a later meeting of Cabinet, but this would have created a delay in the availability of budgets; there would be a consequent detrimental impact on delivery of projects and services.