

Council

(Extraordinary)



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Thursday, 12 June 2025 at 11.00 am
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 Cunnington
Councillor James Denniston
Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor Richard Dixon-Warren
Councillor Barry Dobson
Councillor Patsy Ellis
Councillor Paul Fellows
Councillor Phil Gadd

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 Shorrocks
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 10:55am before the commencement of the meeting. Please be seated by 10:50am.

1. Apologies for absence

2. Disclosure of Interests

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

3. Appointment of Interim Monitoring Officer

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This report seeks the Council's approval to appoint an Interim Monitoring Officer.

4. Close of meeting



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12th June 2025

Report of Councillor Ashley Baxter,
Leader of the Council and Cabinet
Member for Finance, HR and Economic
Development

Appointment of Interim Monitoring Officer

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Purpose of Report

The report seeks the Council's approval to appoint an Interim Monitoring Officer.

Recommendations

- 1. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Ms Angela Wakefield as the Interim Monitoring Officer with immediate effect.**
- 2. Council is asked to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, HR and Economic Development to use the Local Priorities Reserve to fund any necessary costs associated with the interim staffing arrangements as well as the recruitment of a Director for Law and Governance.**

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?

No

What are the relevant corporate priorities?

Connecting communities
Sustainable South Kesteven
Enabling economic opportunities
Housing
Effective council

Which wards are impacted?

All Wards

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1,1 There will be financial implications arising from this proposal as at the time of setting the budget, this temporary arrangement was not anticipated. The report requests that a delegation be granted to the Council's s151 Officer in order to make available the necessary funding from the Local Priorities Reserve in order to meet any costs associated with this proposal.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 The Council is legally obliged to have a designated Monitoring Officer under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Part 1 Section 5).

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager

Human Resources

- 1.3 The proposal to appoint an Interim Monitoring Officer will ensure that the Council is able to fulfil its statutory functions. This appointment and following permanent recruitment are in accordance with the Council's Constitution for the recruitment of statutory officers.

Completed by: Jane Jenkinson, Senior HR Officer

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 The Council has a legal obligation to appoint a Monitoring Officer. It is one of the three statutory officers alongside the Head of Paid Service and the Section 151 Officer.
- 2.2 It is proposed that a Monitoring Officer is appointed on an interim basis, initially for six months, until a permanent appointment is made.

- 2.3 Recruitment for a permanent Monitoring Officer will follow a review of the current management structure, which will be undertaken by the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Employment Committee.
- 2.4 Following consultation with Group Leaders, the Chief Executive recommends Ms Angela Wakefield is appointed to the role of interim Monitoring Officer with immediate effect.
- 2.5 Ms Wakefield is currently employed by Rutland County Council and is the Strategic Director for Law and Governance and the Monitoring Officer. She has worked in local government for many years at district and unitary level. This includes 14 years from 2007 to 2021 with East Staffordshire Borough Council where she was appointed as Monitoring Officer in 2015. She then moved to Slough Borough Council as Monitoring Officer and subsequently to Rutland County Council.

3. Other Options Considered

- 3.1 No other options have been considered as the Council has a legal obligation to appoint a Monitoring Officer.

4. Reasons for the Recommendation

- 4.1 The Council has a legal obligation to appoint a Monitoring Officer. The interim appointment of Ms Angela Wakefield satisfies the requirement.

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