



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

**CABINET FORWARD PLAN**  
**Notice of decisions to be made by Cabinet**  
**26 January 2026 to 25 January 2027**

At its meetings, the Cabinet may make Key Decisions and Non-Key Decisions. It may also make recommendations to Council on matters relating to the Council's budget or its policy framework.

A Key Decision is a Cabinet decision that is likely:

1. To result in the District Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the District Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (for these purposes, South Kesteven District Council has agreed £200,000 as the threshold at which a decision will be considered significant); or
2. To be significant in terms of its effects on communities that live or work in an area comprising two or more wards.

**The Forward Plan**

The Cabinet Forward Plan is a rolling, 12-month plan that will be updated on a regular basis. It includes those Key Decisions and Non-Key Decisions that are scheduled to be considered by Cabinet during the plan period.

Notice of future Cabinet decisions and recommendations to Council

Summary	Date	Action	Contact
<b>Budget Report for 2026/2027 including indicative Budgets for 2027/2028 and 2028/2029 - General Fund - Key Decision</b>			
To consider the draft Budget proposals and estimates for 2026/2027 for the General Fund.	10 Feb 2026	Consider recommendation to Council.	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Finance, HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter)  David Scott, Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:david.scott@southkesteven.gov.uk">david.scott@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Budget Report for 2026/2027 including indicative Budgets for 2027/2028 and 2028/2029 - Housing Revenue Account (HRA) - Key Decision</b>			
Budget Report for 2026/2027 including indicative Budgets for 2027/2028 and 2028/2029 - HRA	10 Feb 2026	Consider recommendation to Council.	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Finance, HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter)  David Scott, Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:david.scott@southkesteven.gov.uk">david.scott@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Voids Policy – Non Key Decision</b>			
To consider recommending the Policy to Cabinet.	10 Feb 2026	To consider implementing the Policy.	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)  Mark Rogers, Head of Service (Technical Services) <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk">mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>

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<b>Housing Asset Management Strategy – Non Key Decision</b>			
To consider recommending the Strategy to Cabinet.	10 Feb 2026	To recommend the Strategy to Cabinet.	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)  Mark Rogers, Head of Service (Technical Services) <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk">mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Award of Contract for Christmas Lights - Key Decision</b>			
To award the contract for the Christmas lights in Grantham	10 Feb 2026	Approve the award of contract	Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture (Councillor Paul Stokes)  Karen Whitfield, Assistant Director (Leisure, Culture and Place) <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:karen.whitfield@southkesteven.gov.uk">karen.whitfield@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Updated Tenancy Agreement - Key Decision</b>			
To approve the updated Tenancy Agreement for tenants living in Council Owned Houses	10 Feb 2026	To consider approving the agreement.	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)  Celia Bown, Senior Housing and Policy Strategy Officer <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:c.bown@southkesteven.gov.uk">c.bown@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Grantham Canal Safe Access and Water Level Control Works - Key Decision</b>			
The report's purpose is to seek approval for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the safe access and water level control works	10 Feb 2026	Approval requested by Cabinet to appoint successful contracting company following tender for works	Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver)  Peter Withers, Interim Senior Assets Officer <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:peter.withers@southkesteven.gov.uk">peter.withers@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>

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<b>Facilities Management Contract - Key Decision</b>			
To obtain authority to enter into the recently tendered Facilities Management Contract for SKDC's Corporate Assets.	10 Feb 2026	To provide authority to enter into the recently tendered Facilities Management Contract for SKDC's Corporate Assets.	Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver)  Gyles Teasdale, Head of Property and ICT <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:g.teasdale@southkesteven.gov.uk">g.teasdale@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Wellington Way, Market Deeping – Approval of Contract Sum Increase and Delegated Authority – Non Key Decision</b>			
To increase the approved construction contract sum for the Wellington Way new build housing scheme by £190,000, following the findings of a recent site investigation and technical report undertaken after contract award.  To seek delegated authority to the Council's Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve up to a further 10% additional funding should unforeseen costs arise during delivery of the project.	10 Feb 2026	Consider awarding the contract sum.	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)  Suniel Pillai, New Build Project Officer <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:suniel.pillai@southkesteven.gov.uk">suniel.pillai@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Acceptance of funding from the Local Digital Cyber Team - Key Decision</b>			
This report recommends the acceptance of £200,000 from the Local Digital Cyber Team to support our continued progress against the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) for local government.	10 Feb 2026	Approve acceptance of funding	Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver)  Gary Andrew, IT Services Manager <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:g.andrew@Southkesteven.gov.uk">g.andrew@Southkesteven.gov.uk</a>

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<b>Tenancy Strategy – Non Key Decision</b>			
Seek approval	10 Mar 2026	Approve the strategy	Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)  Sarah McQueen, Head of Service (Housing Options) <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:sarah.mcqueen@southkesteven.gov.uk">sarah.mcqueen@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>Sport and Physical Activity Strategy - Key Decision</b>			
To provide a refreshed Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for 2026-2031.	10 Mar 2026	To consider approving the draft Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2026-2031	Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture (Councillor Paul Stokes)  Bethany Goodman, Physical Activity and Wellbeing Lead <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:bethany.goodman@southkesteven.gov.uk">bethany.goodman@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>

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<b>Street Trading Policy – Non Key Decision</b>			
This report proposes updates to the existing Street Trading Policy which includes feedback from Licensing Committee and the Environment and Rural & Communities OSC following consideration of the proposed updates	10 Mar 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cabinet considers the draft South Kesteven District Council Street Trading Policy and agrees it, with or without amendments</li> <li>2. Cabinet confirm which streets are to be considered consent streets               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Specific streets as outlined in the proposed draft Street Trading Policy</li> <li>(b) To mirror the Public Space Protection Orders (Alcohol Control) areas</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Licensing (Councillor Philip Knowles)</p> <p>Ayeisha Kirkham, Head of Public Protection</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> ayeisha.kirkham@southkesteven.gov.uk</p>
<b>Finance Update Report – April to December 2025 - Key Decision</b>			
To present the Council's year end forecast for the financial year 2025/26 as at the end of December. The report covers the General Fund Revenue Budget, the Housing Revenue Account Budget, and the Capital Programmes for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account	10 Mar 2026	To review and note the report.	<p>Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Finance, HR and Economic Development (Councillor Ashley Baxter)</p> <p>David Scott, Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> david.scott@southkesteven.gov.uk</p>

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<b>Biodiversity Action Plan for South Kesteven – Non Key Decision</b>			
To present the South Kesteven Biodiversity Action Plan.	10 Mar 2026	To consider agreeing the Plan.	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste (Councillor Rhys Baker)</p> <p>Serena Brown, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager, Louise Case, Sustainability Project Support Officer</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:serena.brown@southkesteven.gov.uk">serena.brown@southkesteven.gov.uk</a>, <a href="mailto:louise.case@southkesteven.gov.uk">louise.case@southkesteven.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>Climate Action Plan for South Kesteven - Key Decision</b>			
To present to the Cabinet the Climate Action Plan for South Kesteven.	10 Mar 2026	To consider agreeing the Plan.	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste (Councillor Rhys Baker)</p> <p>Serena Brown, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:serena.brown@southkesteven.gov.uk">serena.brown@southkesteven.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>Contract Award for Microsoft Software Agreement - Key Decision</b>			
Award of contract for renewal of Microsoft Software Agreement for 3 years	10 Mar 2026	To approve the contract award	<p>Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement (Councillor Richard Cleaver)</p> <p>Gary Andrew, IT Services Manager</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:g.andrew@southkesteven.gov.uk">g.andrew@southkesteven.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>Design SPD consultation and Statement of Community Involvement Consultation - Key Decision</b>			
To seek agreement for a six-week consultation with minor amendments delegated to Portfolio and Assistant Director.	10 Mar 2026	To agree to consultation for 6 weeks with minor amendments delegated to Portfolio and Assistant Director	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning (Councillor Phil Dilks)</p> <p>Jessica Morris, Interim Planning Policy Manager</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:jessica.morris@southkesteven.gov.uk">jessica.morris@southkesteven.gov.uk</a></p>

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<b>Repairs and Voids Materials Contract - Key Decision</b>			
To seek approval to enter into a new contract with a supplier of materials for our internal works teams.	7 Apr 2026	To seek approval to enter into a new contract with a supplier of materials for our internal works teams.	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Virginia Moran)</p> <p>Mark Rogers, Head of Service (Technical Services)</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk">mark.rogers@southkesteven.gov.uk</a></p>