



CABINET

Report of: Councillor Matthew Lee
The Leader of the Council

Report to:	Cabinet
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Subject:	Matters referred to Cabinet by the Council or Overview and Scrutiny Committees since 8 March 2018 (LDS275)

Decision Proposal:	Report for information
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SUMMARY

This report highlights any matters referred to the Cabinet by the Council or the Council's overview and scrutiny committees since the Cabinet's last meeting on 8 March 2018, as set out in Appendices A to E.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Cabinet notes the contents of the report.

1. BACKGROUND TO REPORT

- 1.1** Under the Executive decision-making arrangements introduced as part of the Local Government Act 2000, Councils were required to create at least one scrutiny committee.
- 1.2** South Kesteven District Council currently has five overview and scrutiny committees that hold ordinary meetings every two months to discuss items within their remit. Additional meetings may be called if and when they are required.
- 1.3** Scrutiny Committees may not make decisions but can influence them by carrying out policy development work or reviewing decisions once they have been made. They can exercise their influence by making recommendations to the Cabinet.
- 1.4** The recommendations made by the overview and scrutiny committees to Cabinet are listed in Appendices A to E, together with an overview of the topics discussed during the committees' meetings.
- 1.5** Where an overview and scrutiny committee meets after the publication of this Cabinet agenda, where there is an outstanding recommendation related to the Cabinet meeting, an addendum will be provided at the meeting of the Cabinet, otherwise the synopsis of that meeting will be circulated with the agenda for the next Cabinet meeting.
- 1.6** Since the last meeting of the Cabinet no items have been referred to it by full Council.

2. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1** This report has been introduced as a standing item on the agenda for meetings of the Cabinet. No other options were considered.

3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** There are no resource implications arising from this report.

4. RISK AND MITIGATION

- 4.1** Risk has been considered as part of this report and no specific high risks were identified in its production.

5. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS (EQUALITY, SAFEGUARDING etc.)

- 5.1** This report draws together the recommendations that have been made by all of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees. Where appropriate, impact analysis will be carried out as part of the development process and presented to Cabinet when it receives the final report on a topic.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

7.1 There are no financial comments arising from this report.

8. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

8.1 This report offers the Cabinet an opportunity to consider matters which have been raised by other Members at meetings of the Council and committees that operate within the executive function of the Council.

9. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

- Appendix A: Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Appendix B: Culture and Tourism Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Appendix C: Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Appendix D: Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Appendix E: Rural Overview and Scrutiny Committee

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None

Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 20 March 2018. The paperwork for this meeting can be viewed via the following link: <http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=628&MId=3442&Ver=4>.

The items discussed at that meeting and any recommendations made by the committee are summarised below.

Housing Strategy

Considerations:

- Report number HS5 of the Cabinet Member for Communities.
- Results of the wider public consultation carried out in relation to the Housing Strategy.
- Four key themes were identified in the Strategy and these were used as the basis for the questionnaire to which 75% of respondents supported
- The Strategy only gave a strategic direction for housing delivery.
- The action plan contained the detail of how delivery would be carried out.
- Critical to the success of the strategy was that progress would be monitored by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees as well as the Cabinet Member, achievements, progress and any challenges would be reviewed

Recommendations:

1. To note the feedback from the wider public consultation on the draft South Kesteven District Council Housing Strategy 2017-2021.
2. That the mechanism for monitoring and reporting on progress against the Action Plan be as outlined at 4.2 within report HS5.
3. To review the proposed Year 1 (2018/19) Internal Delivery Plan and note the progress made to date.
4. Subject to further feedback the revised draft South Kesteven District Council Housing Strategy 2017-2021 is agreed and adopted.

[This item is currently scheduled for Cabinet decision at its meeting on 12 April 2018]

Resident Involvement Framework

Considerations:

- Report number Housing 132 of the Cabinet Member for Communities
- Consultation had been undertaken in February 2018 with a survey of 2000 Council tenants.

- A total of 330 responses had been received and the results had shown that tenants were satisfied with the proposals for involvement contained in the revised resident involvement framework.
- The feedback reflected a preference for flexible, low level and local engagement opportunities.
- There was also preference for engagement to be proactive with clear outcomes and feedback to show that involvement had been effective and meaningful.

Recommendation:

That the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends to Cabinet the revised Resident Involvement Framework for adoption.

[This item is currently scheduled for Cabinet decision at its meeting on 12 April 2018]

Community Safety Partnership

The Committee received a presentation on the Community Safety in Lincolnshire Partnership. The Safer Lincolnshire Partnership was a single multi-agency forum for addressing community safety issues across Lincolnshire. The aims of the partnership were:

- To reduce crime and disorder and increase the safety of individuals and communities across Lincolnshire
- To ensure those living, working or visiting Lincolnshire feel safe and are equipped to cope with any hazards or threats they may encounter.
- To improve communication, coordination and cooperation between agencies allowing them to work together more efficiently and effectively.

Community Cohesion

The Committee received a presentation on Community Cohesion which covered collaborative working, strategy, training and the recent Green Paper issued following Dame Louise Casey's independent review.

The paper says "Local Government should: Take a 'whole council' approach to integration, developing a local vision with partners, businesses, the voluntary and community sector and communities and mainstream integration objectives across policy and service delivery". An Integration Innovation Fund would be introduced to allow organisations to bid to test out new approaches to bring people from different backgrounds together.

A workshop to be arranged, open to all Members to discuss a response to the Green Paper consultation which ends on 5th June 2018.

The Cabinet Member for Communities advised the Committee that there was no funding in the budget for community cohesion work.

Culture and Tourism Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Culture and Tourism Overview and Scrutiny Committee has not met since the last meeting of the Cabinet.

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 20 February 2018. The paperwork for this meeting can be viewed via the following link:

<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=630&MId=3488&Ver=4>.

The items discussed at that meeting and any recommendations made by the committee are summarised below.

Air Quality

Considerations:

- Report number ENV679 which gave details of the Annual Air Quality status report and progress against measures in the Council's Air Quality Action Plan
- Information about the cycle to work scheme and travel SMART
- Usage information about the cycle facility

Big Clean

Considerations:

- Report number ENV682
- The project had come in under budget by £66,000
- Plans to deploy two permanent teams had been included within the Budget
- Contributions made by volunteers during the 12-week project
- Activities where Lincolnshire County Council was the responsible authority – weed spraying, commenting on the layout of development proposals to ensure that there was access for freighters
- Issues relating to homelessness and rough sleeping that were currently under consideration by the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

New Higher Street Standard

Considerations:

- Report number ENV681 of the Cabinet Member for Environment which presented the higher street standard
- Lessons learned from the Big Clean project
- The production of a booklet which had been compiled based on a higher street standard (appended to report number ENV681)
- The proposed approach reflects the Council's objective of encouraging economic growth

Recommendations:

- That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the content of the higher street standard and recommended to the Cabinet Member for Environment that the higher street standard that the Council aspired to be adopted.

Enviro Crime Enforcement

Considerations:

- Report number ENV680 on enviro crime enforcement including a draft policy appended to the report
- This proposal complemented the introduction of the new higher streets standard
- Feedback from a workshop for members held in December 2017
- Powers of the Council in relation to the issue of fixed penalty notices
- Financial provision for enforcement included and approved as part of the 2018/19 Budget
- Recent changes to the maximum level of fine that could be issued in relation to littering

Recommendations:

- That the Committee recommended to the Cabinet Member for Environment the adoption of the proposed new Enviro Crime Enforcement Policy with the amendment that the fines be increased to the government maximum

[This item is currently scheduled for Cabinet decision at its meeting on 12 April 2018]

Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee is next scheduled to meet on 11 April 2018. The paperwork for this meeting can be viewed via the following link:

<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=631&MId=3448&Ver=4>.

Rural Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Rural Overview and Scrutiny Committee has not met since the last meeting of the Cabinet.