



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Cabinet

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Report of Councillor Richard Cleaver,
the Leader of the Council

State of the District Report 2023

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Purpose of Report

This report presents to Cabinet the State of the District Report 2023.

Recommendations

That Cabinet approves the State of the District Report 2023.

Decision Information	
Is this a Key Decision?	No
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	High performing Council
Which wards are impacted?	All

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 are no direct financial implications in this report it is a factual reflection of the District.

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

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 There are no legal or governance implications arising from this report.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to present the State of the District Report 2023 for consideration for approval by the Cabinet prior to publication on the South Kesteven District Council website.
- 2.2 The State of the District 2023 provides an up-to-date, balanced, objective and comprehensive description of the society and economic performance of the district. It highlights the unique characteristics of the area, its strengths, and positive trends, whilst also highlighting the emerging strategic challenges that the district may face.

3. Key Considerations

3.1 The State of the District Report 2023 will:

- Form a key part of the evidence base that informs the new Corporate Plan and the other policies, strategies and initiatives actioned by the Council.
- Provide a useful resource for all stakeholders: partner, businesses, civil society organisations and members of the public, whether resident to the district or beyond who wish to learn more about South Kesteven.

4. Other Options Considered

4.1 Not producing or publicly releasing the State of the District Report 2023 – this option was discounted.

5. Reasons for the Recommendation

5.1 The release of the State of the District Report 2023 will provide a useful resource for all stakeholders: partner, businesses, civil society organisations and members of the public, whether resident to the district or beyond who wish to learn more about South Kesteven. All the information that is included in the State of the District Report is publicly available, but this report is a coherent and factually accurate one that is proposed to be updated annually.

6. Background Papers

6.1 All of the reference points are included in the full State of the District report, which can be found at the below online location. In addition, the socio-economic indicators supplementary supporting document is available in the same location:

<https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD424&ID=424&RPID=12616530>

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix A – State of the District Report Executive Summary 2023