

South Kesteven Street Markets Task and Finish Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose and Context

Street markets are an important feature of the local economy across the district and, indeed, the country.

South Kesteven currently operates street markets in the three towns of Bourne, Grantham and Stamford. A street market in Market Deeping is operated by a third party.

The purpose of the Task and Finish Group is to assist with the development of a Markets Strategy for the District.

The Task and Finish Group will report back to the Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 8 months.

Membership

- **Chair:**
 - Cllr Ashley Baxter (Cabinet Member for Economic Development)
- **Vice-Chair:**
 - Cllr Tim Harrison (Chair of Governance and Audit Committee)
- Chair of Culture and Visitor Economy OSC
- Vice-Chair of Culture and Visitor Economy OSC
- Cabinet Member for People and Communities
- In addition to the above, 1 nominated member from each political group
- 2 additional members from the SK Coalition Group (i.e. 3 in total)
- Eight officers (*selected senior and other relevant officers/experts*)

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The Task and Finish Group will undertake the following:

1. Review the current market arrangements (including financial costs)
2. Consult relevant stakeholders
3. Consider best practice from other UK street markets
4. Make recommendations on whether to engage third party experts
5. Make recommendations for improvements to the Council's street markets.

Format

Meetings will be principally held in person, with zoom attendance at the discretion of the Chair. The group will not be issued printed agenda papers as standard, but will be available upon request.

The group will need to make at least two site visits to street markets. For this reason it is possible that the venue of some of the meetings will be in Bourne and/or Stamford.

Key Stakeholders

The group will need to consult with interested parties including (but not limited to):

- Stallholders
- Customers
- Market operatives
- Holders of Market Charters
- Town councillors
- District councillors

It is not anticipated that the group will have a public profile or be the conduit for wider community engagement.

Timescales

It is expected that the group about every six weeks between February and July 2024.