



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

24 December 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive

New Lease at Byron Avenue, Grantham

To grant authority for a new lease for an air quality monitoring station at Byron Avenue, Grantham

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
Decision:	To grant authority for a new 20 year lease for an air quality monitoring station at Byron Avenue, Grantham
Public or Exempt:	The Report is public, but the appendix is exempt
Reasons for exemption:	<p>The appendix is exempt from publication under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Council and the proposed lessee.</p> <p>The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, as the appendix includes commercially sensitive details relating to confidential negotiations with a third party. Disclosure would be likely to prejudice the Council's ability to conduct such negotiations effectively and could undermine the confidence of external parties in engaging with the Council on future transactions.</p>

Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	The Deputy Chief Executive is authorised under Part 26 (g) of the scheme of delegation: To arrange lettings (in excess of seven years) of land and property not immediately required for other purposes at rent/license fees fixed by the Section 151 Officer, providing that the total cost of the lease in its entirety does not exceed £100,000

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

1.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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

Legal and Governance

1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive has delegated authority to take this decision.

Completed by: Alison Hall-Wright, Deputy Monitoring Officer

2. The Purpose of the Report

2.1 To seek authority for the Council to enter into a new lease with the Environment Agency for land located on Byron Avenue, Grantham as detailed in Exempt Appendix 1 – Draft Lease.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 Option 1) To not proceed with the lease. This would impact the work undertaken by the Environment agency. Due to the size and location of the land, there would be no other uses for the land.
- 3.2 Option 2) To grant the lease. Granting this lease enables the continued monitoring and improvement of local air quality in Grantham, supporting public health and environmental objectives. It also demonstrates SKDC's commitment to sustainability and partnership working with national agencies to enhance the local environment and inform future planning and policy decisions.

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 Option 2 – to grant the lease to the Environment Agency as this will enable the continued monitoring and improvement of air quality in Grantham.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 The lease allows the Environment Agency to install and operate an air quality monitoring station at Byron Avenue, Grantham. The station will provide accurate, real-time data on local air quality, including pollutant levels, to support both national monitoring programmes and local environmental management.
- 5.2 Granting the lease provides a clear legal framework for the installation, maintenance, and operation of the monitoring equipment over the next twenty years, ensuring that data can be collected to inform public health protection, transport and planning policy, and environmental improvement initiatives.
- 5.3 This arrangement supports South Kesteven District Council's objectives around sustainability, clean growth, and improving environmental quality for residents, while strengthening partnership working with national agencies on local environmental priorities.

Appendices

Exempt appendix 1 – draft lease

Signed by: Richard Wyles
