



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

## Council

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Report of Karen Bradford, Chief Executive

# Programme of Meetings of Full Council, Cabinet and Committees for 2026/2027

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### Purpose of Report

To approve a programme of ordinary meetings of Full Council, Cabinet, Overview and Committees and other Committees of the Council for the 2026/2027 municipal year.

### Recommendations

**That Full Council approves the programme of meetings of Full Council, Cabinet and Committees for 2026/2027, attached as Appendix A to this report.**

### Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Effective council
Which wards are impacted?	(All Wards);

## **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 financial implications arising from this report.

*Completed by: David Scott – Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy s151 Officer*

### ***Legal and Governance***

1.2 In respect of ordinary meetings of the Council, the Constitution stipulates that meetings will take place in accordance with a programme decided at Full Council's annual meeting. Additional or extraordinary meetings can be called throughout the year in accordance with the procedure rules set out in the Council's Constitution.

*Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager*

## **2. Background to the Report**

2.1 A copy of the draft programme of meetings is attached as Appendix A to this report.

2.2 Any changes made to the draft programme following the circulation of this report will be highlighted at the meeting to enable Members to note and mark their diaries accordingly.

2.3 In considering the dates for 2026/2027, the Council has consulted with the online committee calendar at Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to ensure, as far as possible, that meeting clashes between the two authorities are minimal, as some 'dual hatted' (LCC and SKDC members) may be affected. Consideration has also been given to avoid potential clashes with national party-political conferences and other significant local government events scheduled throughout the municipal year.

## **3. Key Considerations**

3.1 Where there is a necessity to hold a meeting on the same day as LCC, every effort has been made to schedule it in the afternoon (if the LCC meeting is in the morning), and vice versa.

3.2 Unless indicated on the plan as (PM), meaning 2pm, all meetings are scheduled for 10am. The exceptions to this are those meetings that have a different set time. These are:

Full Council (2pm)  
Planning Committee (1pm)  
Cabinet (4pm)<sup>1</sup>

3.3 Subject to approval, the final programme of meetings will be made public on the Council's website. Provisional dates have been available through the online calendar since March 2026 –

<https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>.

3.4 Since the circulation of the draft dates to all Councillors on 25 February 2026, there have been further amendments to the below meetings, reflected in Appendix A:

- Employment Committee moved from Mondays to Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Licensing Committee moved to a Monday in March 2027.
- Governance and Audit Committee moved from 16 June to 25 June.

## **4. Other Options Considered**

4.1 Under the Local Government Act 1972, Full Council must hold an annual meeting. The Council's committees should meet with sufficient frequency to determine business in a timely manner and within any statutory timeframes.

4.2 Full Council could amend the calendar of meetings proposed and suggest alternative dates for specific meetings to be held.

4.3 The preferred option is to approve the programme as set out in Appendix A.

## **5. Reasons for the Recommendations**

5.1 The Council's committees will be meeting with sufficient frequency to determine business in a timely manner and within statutory timeframes.

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<sup>1</sup> It is planned to move Cabinet back to its original start time of 2pm from June 2026 onwards.

## **6. Consultation**

6.1 In formulating the draft dates for 2026/2027 several versions of the calendar were produced. The following groups of officers/councillors were consulted on the dates below:

- Corporate Management Team (CMT) meeting 21 January 2026
- Circulated with amends (requested by CMT) by email to CMT 23 January 2026
- Sent to Leader and Deputy Leader for comment on 28 January 2026
- Sent to political Group Leaders for comment on 12 February 2026
- Sent to all Councillors on 25 February 2026.

## **7. Appendices**

7.1 Appendix A: Draft programme of meetings 2026/2027.