



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Council

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Report of the Leader of the Council

Reports Taken Under Special Urgency in 2025/2026

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Purpose of Report

This report sets out those decisions that have been made in the 2025/2026 municipal year under urgency provisions set out within the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Constitution.

Recommendations

That Full Council note the contents of 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Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?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 (Deputy s151 officer)

Legal and Governance

1.2 Reports taken under special urgency provisions need to be reported at least once a year to Council under section 19.3 of the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager

2. Background to the Report

2.1 Paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Access to Information Rules, contained within Part 4 (2) of the Council's Constitution set out the procedure for making Key Decisions where it has not been possible to give 28 days' advanced notice by publishing the intention to make the decision on the Cabinet's Forward Plan.

2.2 There have been three different types of urgency provision used over the course of 2025/2026:

- General Exception - whereby 28 calendar days' notice of a decision could not be given, but the item was able to be published on the final Cabinet agenda.
- Special Urgency - where neither 28 calendar days' notice could not be given, nor could 5 working days' notice.
- Urgent Private Meeting - where the decision was on the Forward Plan and a Cabinet agenda, but an exempt element of the report was not advertised with 28 days' notice.

2.3 There have also been occasions where call-in has not applied to Cabinet, Cabinet member or officer decisions due to the urgency of the decision.

2.4 Over the course of 2025/2026, urgency provisions have been used on four occasions:

- 24 November 2025 – Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)
To approve an LGR proposal for submission to government by 28 November 2025.
- 2 February 2026 – Purchase of Property in Stamford
To proceed with the purchase of the property.
- 10 March 2026 – MHCLG Statutory Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire: Response by South Kesteven District Council
To consider South Kesteven DC's response to the MHCLG Statutory Consultation on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire.
- 30 April 2026 - Lease at Unit 2 - The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham
To consider granting a new lease at Unit 2, The Picture House, St. Catherine's Road, Grantham.

2.5 All urgency notices and any exemption from call-in notices for Cabinet are contained on the web library at the following address:

<https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13929>