

## SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – General Exception Notice

Notice is hereby given of an urgent, part exempt Key Decision being taken by the Deputy Chief Executive where 5 working days' notice cannot be given, due to urgency.

<b>Decision Title:</b>	Lease at Unit 2 - The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham
<b>Summary of Decision to Be Taken:</b>	To approve the authority to grant a new lease at Unit 2, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham.
<b>Decision-Maker:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	Not before 11 May 2026
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager
<b>Reason for Urgency:</b>	<p>The decision has been taken under these provisions because the offer of lease provides a commercial opportunity for SKDC to let Unit 2, The Picture House, Grantham.</p> <p>Should a lease not be granted, the Council would remain liable for the costs associated with the vacant property along with a continued responsibility for the cost associated with further marketing fees to locate a new tenant and legal costs associated with any future agreement.</p> <p>This is not proposed as a suitable option as there has been limited interest in the space since its construction in 2019 and the Authority needs to act swiftly to ensure the progression of the letting of the space.</p> <p><i>In accordance with the Constitution, Part 3(c) Paragraph 26 (Property, including land) (h) - To ensure that any lease, agreement or letting where the total value over the period exceeds £100,000 is supported by an independent valuation and undertaken in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property.</i></p> <p>However, as the decision is above the Council's Key Decision threshold it would ordinarily be subjected to 28 days' notice on the Cabinet Forward Plan. This will not be possible in this instance as the Council needs to act swiftly to secure the lease.</p>

	The Chairman of the Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee is content that the decision is urgent.
<b>Date:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026