

*Overall objective: Improve the supply, quality and coordination of services to meet housing needs and demands.*

<b>Housing and Homelessness: Identified Action</b>	<b>South Kestevens Action Plan</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Completion Status</b>
Coordinate the effective delivery of homelessness services through a partnership driven and evidence-based homelessness strategy.	Continue to provide the statutory homelessness function which delivers on the priorities as set out in The Lincolnshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy	Ongoing	Sarah McQueen	Ongoing
Establish future investment strategies to meet current and emerging needs for care and support.	Focus on support initiatives to increase the number of homelessness preventions	Ongoing	Sarah McQueen	Ongoing
Bring more empty homes into use in order to improve the supply of properties available within the county.	Work collaboratively with colleagues in council tax to identify available empty properties	Ongoing	Tom Amblin-Lightowler	Ongoing
	Build stronger relationships with landlords to offer support and advice to enable properties to be brought back into use	Ongoing	Tom Amblin-Lightowler	Ongoing
	Explore options around bringing those properties back into use.	Ongoing	Tom Amblin-Lightowler	Ongoing
Deliver new housing to meet housing needs and demands, meeting zero carbon targets and recognising all levels of affordability.	Ensure a responsive and robust approach to any reports of properties in poor repair in private sector.	Ongoing	Tom Amblin-Lightowler	Ongoing
Improve the quality of existing properties across all tenures and reduce the cost of poor housing to health, care and society.	Ensure that all Council Homes meet decent Homes standards	Ongoing	Sarah McQueen	Ongoing

Reduce levels of overcrowding as a means of reducing health risks.	Additional priority given to households in overcrowded conditions on the housing register.	Ongoing	Sarah McQueen	Ongoing
Improve services to extend people's housing choices in preparation for later life	Ensure our aids and adaptations process is fit for purpose and applied consistently	Ongoing	Sarah McQueen	Ongoing
Ensure services to support people to remain living in their current home complement each other as a system-wide approach.	Effective management of the DFG application service	Ongoing	Tom Amblin-Lightowler	Ongoing
	Work collaboratively with partner agencies to support and enable people to continue to live in their current home	Ongoing	Tom Amblin-Lightowler	Ongoing

Overall objective: To address inactivity across the county - improving access and opportunity for all residents to be active and participate.

Activity and Wellbeing: Identified Action	South Kestevens Action Plan 2025-2026	By When	By Whom	Completion Status
<p><b>Active Place:</b> Develop a plan to be able to positively influence the planning system/external decision making in the area</p>	Openly share the SKDC Sport and Physical Activity Strategy with partners to achieve common goals.	Ongoing	Beth Goodman	Ongoing
	Work with the partners in the Playing Pitch Strategy to access funding opportunities for the identified requirements.	Ongoing	Leisure	Ongoing
	Work with partners to review and refresh the current Sport and Physical Activity Strategy ahead of 2026.	Mar-26	Beth Goodman	Completed
<p><b>Active Place:</b> Make better use of green spaces across Lincolnshire and maximise opportunities for residents and visitors to be active in Lincolnshire</p>	Upskill volunteers to deliver Our Parks sessions to deliver free outdoor fitness classes in SKDC open spaces	Dec-25	Beth Goodman/Parks	Completed
	Promote outdoor gym use working with Active Lincolnshire ensuring the maps in the district are displayed on the outdoor gym finder/Lets Move Lincolnshire.	Ongoing	Alison Lewis	Ongoing
	Promote open spaces and outdoor leisure provision.	Ongoing	Leisure/Planning	Ongoing

	Retain Green Flag status in the parks.	Jul-26	Luke Ingham	Ongoing
	Work closely with local organisations to promote cycling opportunities in the district	Ongoing	Beth Goodman	Ongoing
	Continue to promote green spaces as a positive place to promote mental and physical wellbeing, working with partners	Ongoing	Beth Goodman	Ongoing
<b>Active Place:</b> Widen the focus from commercial leisure offer and asset-based physical activity to activity outside, in the home and in the workplace	Regularly connect with Lincolnshire County Council/Active Travel England to positively influence Active Travel, encouraging the planning team to apply for funding provision and developments of public footpaths and cycleways.	Ongoing	Beth Goodman	Ongoing
	Look at costings and accessibility of leisure centres to break down barriers of accessing health facilities.	Ongoing	Corporate Property	Ongoing
	Work with Lincolnshire County Council to create maps of community assets with the benefits of being active linking the green spaces, community foot and cycle paths alongside displaying the benefits of active travel on climate change.	Mar-26	Beth Goodman/Serena Brown	Ongoing

	Continue to work on the actions identified in the condition surveys and undertake feasibility studies with the UKSPF to ensure facilities remain attractive, accessible, and available to residents.	Ongoing	Leisure/Property	Ongoing
<b>Active People:</b> Provide Opportunities and programmes across communities to enable residents to take part in regular activity	Increase awareness and benefits of physical activity in South Kesteven through networking and marketing, including the use of the Activity Finder on the Let's Move Lincolnshire platform.	Ongoing	Beth Goodman	Ongoing
	Work with stakeholders to provide ample opportunities and programmes within South Kesteven, targeting all ages/abilities by hosting 'Give it a Go' days.	Ongoing	Beth Goodman	Ongoing
	Continue to develop Lincolnshire Co-op Wellbeing Walks to ensure there are opportunities in each market town	Ongoing	Lincs Coop	Completed
	Work with the Centre for Ageing Better and the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities to create a baseline profile	Mar-26	Age Friendly Working Group	Ongoing
	Use the Workforce Wellbeing Plan to deliver a range of initiatives for council employees.	Ongoing	Wellbeing Team	Ongoing

<p><b>Active System:</b> Creating leadership, governance and partnerships, and workforce capabilities across sectors to use resources in a more coordinated way to reduce inactivity.</p>	<p>Work with local leisure providers to deliver rehabilitation programmes for those living with long term health conditions and older adults.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Beth Goodman</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Active System:</b> Each district council to develop opportunities to positively influence internal/corporate decision making in their local area and embed in governance processes</p>	<p>Regularly meet with the First Aiders for Mental Health</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Wellbeing Team</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Active System:</b> Proactive and inclusive approach to sharing learning, best practice and opportunities for collaboration.</p>	<p>Join the wellbeing network groups with local connectors to cover the district.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Beth Goodman</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Active System:</b> Proactivity engage across the NHS to encourage innovation and creativity to enable health, wellbeing and physical activity within planning consultations.</p>	<p>Work with PCNs, Neighborhood leads and social prescribers to create successful partnerships to share best practice and opportunities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Beth Goodman</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Research and develop a plan for place-based partnerships and opportunities with partners.</p>	<p>Mar-26</p>	<p>Beth Goodman/Active Lincolnshire</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<p>All activities planned through all organisations should deliver on the five ways to wellbeing; be active, connect, take notice, keep learning, and give.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Beth Goodman/All</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Overall objective: Improve understanding of the links between environment and health and maximise opportunities to deliver on both.

<b>Environment and Climate: Identified Action</b>	<b>South Kestevens Action Plan</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Completion Status</b>
Improve air quality, particularly in designated management areas.	To regularly review the annual air quality statement and track progress on South Kesteven monitoring sites.	Ongoing	Ayeisha Kirkham	Ongoing
Accelerate transition towards active travel	Continue to work with LCC. This action also links in with the Activity and Wellbeing Lever	Ongoing	Serena Brown	Ongoing
Promote and increase uptake of electric vehicles	New EVCPs to be installed in reinstated Cattlemarket car park in Stamford	Aug-25	Serena Brown	Ongoing
Mobility: provision and uptake of public transport services	Continue to work with local transport boards	Ongoing	Planning	Ongoing
Improve domestic energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions	40 properties upgraded in South Kesteven under Home Upgrade Grant phase 2 (HUG2) funding. 318 SKDC owned properties upgraded using Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. New scheme to be launched in 2025	Ongoing	Serena Brown	Ongoing
Joint work to reduce carbon emissions from all Councils (Lincolnshire County Council and districts)	Carbon emissions report for 2023/24 reported a 25% reduction against baseline, target is 30% by 2030.	Mar-26	Climate Team	Ongoing
Reduce Carbon Emissions across all services to meet national carbon reduction targets	Climate Action Strategy published and Climate Action Plan underway which is due to be presented in November 2025	Ongoing	Climate Team	Completed

Understand the local impacts of a changing climate to improve community resilience.	Actions in Climate Action Plan to understand need for climate adaptation for SKDC operations and community resilience	Ongoing	Climate Team	Ongoing
Reduce waste output across the county and tackle key issues	To roll out new food waste caddies	Mar-26	Waste Services	Ongoing
Improve open space provision that recognises the role of improved biodiversity, carbon storage and wellbeing benefits	Biodiversity Action Plan under development and due to be presented in Nov 2025	Nov-25	Serena Brown	Completed
Influence provision of healthy and sustainable food options	Continue to work with the Healthy Weight Partnership Board	Ongoing	Beth Goodman	Ongoing
Maximise opportunity of Local Plan Reviews	Regulation 19 for next Local Plan targeted for late 2025 and submitted for examination for Winter 2026	Mar-26	Emma Whittaker	Ongoing

Overall objective: Reducing economic inequality and alleviating poverty as a fundamental driver for improving mental and physical health and wellbeing

<b>Economic Inclusion: Identified Action</b>	<b>South Kestevens Action Plan 2025-2026</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Completion Status</b>
Embed strong strategic narrative/understanding to promote economic inclusion and health inequality linkages that deliver better outcomes	Ensure projects/interventions to test whether appropriate health/economic inequality outcome and outputs have/can be captured or weaved into the initiative.	Ongoing	Economic Development	Ongoing
<b>People in Employment:</b> Work with Lincolnshire employers to improve working conditions/environment particularly within low paid and insecure employment to improve their health and wellbeing and prevent health issues developing – whilst improving business productivity.	Lead by example, through partnership working - set out how organisations can improve working conditions	Ongoing	Economic Development/HR	Ongoing
<b>People in Employment:</b> Improve skills for those currently in work, enabling career progression, greater wage levels, better job security, greater productivity development – good for people and business – part of tackling in-work poverty.	Support the Federation of Small Business in its implementation of the Local Skills Improvement Plan.	Ongoing	Economic Development	Ongoing
<b>People in Employment:</b> Increase volunteering to support the community and increase well-being for the volunteers themselves.	Fully implement the Volunteering in South Kesteven Policy, ensuring that volunteers are supported in their roles and receive appropriate training and leadership. Identify increased opportunities for volunteers to be involved in Council facilities and initiatives.	Ongoing	Economic Development	Ongoing

<p><b>Supporting those most susceptible to economic change and transition:</b> Increase core sector resilience in Lincolnshire by supporting employers to adapt and respond to economic transitions caused by the pandemic, through addressing skills gaps with employees.</p>	<p>Support the Federation of Small Business in its implementation of the Local Skills Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Economic Development</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Supporting those most susceptible to economic change and transition:</b> Employee upskilling and retaining programmes for those in industries exposed to long-term change and decline.</p>	<p>Working with LEP, partners, review Lincolnshire and national landscape ahead of developing an approach to key industries</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Economic Development</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Digital skills programme:</b> Residents have the digital skills to access health services, everyday services and employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Support stakeholders to build on the successfully delivered Skills Bootcamp (part of the Government's Lifetime Skill Guarantee), helping people gain skills for life.</p>	<p>Mar-26</p>	<p>Economic Development</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p><b>Digital skills programme:</b> Fully enabled digital FFTP (fixed fibre premises) infrastructure across the county using place appropriate technologies.</p>	<p>Support the telecommunications industry with an 'open for business' approach to rolling out fibre broadband across the district</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Economic Development/Planning</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Eliminate poor health from being a barrier to employment:</b> Create an intervention programme that supports residents with ill-health into employment.</p>	<p>Support DWP in the endeavours to help residents with ill-health towards employment</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Economic Development &amp; Community Engagement</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Creating an environment to support development of the health and care sector to improve health related service provision (wide scale health attraction interventions).</p>	<p>Develop interventions with partners (including FE and college providers) to support recruitment/retention of employees within the health and care sector</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Economic Development &amp; Community Engagement</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Overall objectives: Leverage unique links at place level to engage with communities

Working with Communities: Identified Action	South Kestevens Action Plan	By When	By Whom	Completion Status
<p><b>Capture and build on district community engagement knowledge and expertise:</b> Combine and codify the District's knowledge and approach to community engagement and empowerment, building on success and experience gained during the pandemic.</p>	<p>Series of funding and bid writing workshops to support project development and delivery by VCS across the district</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Carol Drury</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Work with Harlaxton Manor on the Impact Booster programme which supports V&amp;C sector organisations, charities and CICs to realise their goals</p>	<p>Feb-26</p>	<p>Carol Drury</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Council in the Community initiative to engage with residents face-to-face</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Carol Drury</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Work with Armed Forces Families to help identify and provide support where needed to serving and veteran members of the military and their families</p>	<p>Oct-25</p>	<p>Paul Drury</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Expand district participation in current sector discussions across the wider system.</p>	<p>Ring-fenced financial support for Foodbanks and other food support agencies across the district</p>	<p>Mar-26</p>	<p>Carol Drury</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Attendance at mental health groups, district health and wellbeing groups, food support groups</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Carol Drury</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	Attendance at meetings and information sessions relating to Armed Forces Veterans	Ongoing	Debbie Nicholls/Paul Drury	Ongoing
<b>Strengthen sector oversight and assurance:</b> Work with partners (Sector representative groups and County) to develop an agreed approach to sector oversight and assurance, harnessing community potential in a safe, effective way.	Work in collaboration with LCVS and other agencies to provide health checks and assurance relating to VCS	Ongoing	Carol Drury	Ongoing
<b>Enhance and sustain voluntary sector engagement and contribution:</b> Building on success during the pandemic, develop and formalize mechanisms to draw on volunteer capacity quickly and efficiently in response to emerging community needs e.g., flooding, pandemic.	Improve links with Parish and Town Councils	Ongoing	Carol Drury	Ongoing