



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Officer Delegated Decision

28 July 2026

Richard Wyles Deputy Chief Executive
and Section 151 Officer

Acceptance of the Building Safety Levy New Burdens Grant Payment

Contact

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles
Decision:	1) To formally accept the allocation of £132,900 new burdens funding from MHCLG 2) To approve the setting up of a budget to enable the Building Safety Levy Grant to be allocated and spent.
Key or Non-Key? (A Key Decision has a value of 200k or over, or is a significant impact on two or more wards)	Non-Key
For call-in (only applies to Key Decisions)	N/A
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	N/A
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	Directors are authorised by virtue of the Council's Financial Regulations to accept any external funding and make the associated budget virements in line with the authorised limits set out in the regulations.

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 The Council has been awarded a grant of £132,900 to be spent on the setup and administration of the BSL for 2026/2027. The General Fund Revenue budget will be amended to reflect this grant award.

Completed by: David Scott – Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy S151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 The terms of the grant funding have been reviewed and are satisfactory. The spending of the grant money will be monitored accordingly by the finance team and Assistant Director of Planning to ensure compliance.

Completed by: (Emma Powley – Interim Democratic Services Manager)

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 The Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has made funding available to Local Authorities to be spent on the set-up costs incurred, or to be incurred by them in the administration of the Building Safety Levy (BSL). A S31 New Burdens Funding Grant of £132,900 has been awarded to South Kesteven District Council (SKDC). The grant has been split between Revenue (£69,900) and Capital (£63,000) expenditure. MHCLG has confirmed that the funding is to support with set-up costs associated with the BLS although any underspend can be used for levy administration. It has also been confirmed that the funding can be used for levy implementation, including staffing, systems, IT and processes. No further set-up funding is intended to be provided.
- 2.2 The Building Safety Levy (the levy) is a tax on new residential buildings. The levy will be collected by local authorities, as local guardians of the building control process who have tax collection expertise. The income raised from the levy will contribute to fixing building safety defects across England, ensuring residents are safe.
- 2.3 It is intended that local authorities will collect Levy payments from developers, alongside the building control process, which will be paid to the Ministry for

Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) every quarter, along with the accompanying management information.

- 2.4 SKDC must decide whether to accept the grant funding and register a decision to claim the funding.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 **Do nothing** – The Council could decide not to accept the grant funding; however, it will still incur costs in the setup and administration of the BSL which comes into effect on 1st October 2026

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To accept the grant funding to support SKDC in its preparation and administration of the BSL.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 The Council will incur costs for the work involved regardless of whether it chooses to accept the grant funding or not.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning has been consulted and is supportive of the Council accepting the grant offer.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 New Burdens Grant Payment Update
- 7.2 Section 31 Grant Acceptance

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **28 July 2026**