

RPC – NKDC Cllr report 2026

This has been another busy year of activity and investment into the district. Just some of the highlights are:

Job creation.

As well as holding over a hundred start up units, we've sought more investment into Sleaford Moor Enterprise Park

Clean Planet Energy are a clean-tech company that builds ecoPlants and have identified Sleaford Moor Enterprise Park as a site to build its second ecoPlant. This could bring significant investment in excess of £35 million for its construction, which also supports the Council's green industry growth goals. Around 60 new jobs are predicted post construction and it will solve the issue of the mountains of unrecyclable flimsy plastic, which it will turn into synthetic oils.

Investment in Sleaford town centre

A new facility has been given planning permission, which will bring a heritage building back into use in Sleaford, incorporating business offices to support economic growth, new public toilets and a Changing Places-accredited facility for people with additional needs. Plans for the wider property include a landscaped garden alongside a rich biodiverse habitat and a sensory garden, which will be a welcome green space for the community.

A new 4 screen cinema. We have finally been able to announce that planning permission is being submitted for the long awaited new modern cinema, right in the heart of Sleaford.

As well as providing the cinema experience without having to travel to other towns, it will hopefully boost other trade in the town, such as food and beverage outlets. If all goes well with planning and build out, the first viewings are scheduled for autumn 2022.

The Council has bought the old ambulance station in Sleaford to create additional public parking close to the town centre. This provision, coupled with new parking machines installed in Sleaford earlier this year and the introduction of pay by phone, text and app, broaden customer choice and support economic renewal.

The market place now has an all year round calendar of events that have been very well attended and provided a boost in trade for several business. Whilst UKSPF money is no longer available, NKDC has committed to funding further activities and also would like to hear from other organisations that may wish to utilise the community space.

The Carre Arms has seen further investment, which will see it flourish into the future, providing a much needed quality boutique type hotel, to attract more visitors into the area. The upstairs rooms will be completed shortly, and attention will then focus on upgrading the downstairs facilities.

New Homes

£177 million over the next ten years will be invested to deliver good quality Council homes across the District. This financial year there have been over 500 improvements to Council homes, including new heating installations, kitchens and bathrooms.

This is in addition to the £18.4 million for retrofitting works to help ensure Council homes with the lowest energy performance ratings are made warmer. This will result in an additional 750 Council homes being upgraded with measures, such as, solar panels, battery storage and air source heat pumps, which help to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and electricity from the grid.

Fund raising

The NK Community Lottery, which celebrated its fourth birthday in December 2025, has raised more than £130,000 in revenue for good causes across communities, and more than £30,000 has been given away in cash prizes. So far, 83 local groups have signed up as part of a fun and effective way to raise funds for valued services within their local community.

Waste

The Council's bin lorries are now being fuelled by a diesel-replacement vegetable oil, which eliminates almost all of the fleet's emissions in use, promotes cleaner air and significantly reduces the Council's carbon footprint. This latest advance is addition to the four electric vehicles already operated by the Council.

There will be a total of 211 new solar PV panels installed on the roof of the Metherringham Depot, which is the latest in a long line of renewable energy installations to reduce both cost and climate impacts. Electricity generation from the new solar panels is expected to exceed current energy demand for the site by over 50% alongside the ability to charge its electric vehicles.

Residents are receiving a new weekly food waste collection service, which is part of a government mandate to help households recycle more and reduce environmental impact.

The Council, as part of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, is working together with the county and other district/borough authorities in this rollout across Lincolnshire. With an immediate uptake of over 60%, this is already making an impact on the reduction in waste being burned at N. Hykeham and instead being converted into green fuel.

Local Government Reorganisation

Central Government is reforming local government across England and has asked councils to suggest options for how it should all fit together locally, with fewer, larger unitary councils, each delivering the full range of local authority services. The bid for this area, sees N Kesteven, S Kesteven & S Holland combine into a new unitary, if the Govt accepts our proposal. Work continues to align all our different services, methods of working and assets with a decision hopefully from Govt in July.

All of this is just a snapshot of some of the work at NK, which doesn't cover the myriad of services delivered and support given across the district.

However, it does highlight the ongoing ambition and investment which has helped lead to being shortlisted for 8 national awards this year by the Local Govt Chronicle and the Municipal Journal.

Both Cllr Waldeck and I appreciate the support we receive from the parish council and look forward to working with you, this coming year.