

SKDC Update – March 2024

Cllr. Penny Robins

The administration passed a Labour Party motion on Ethnical Investments. The Coalition voted against, warning that this would lower income for the council and increase council tax.

In February we passed the council tax motion locking in a 2.99% increase for SKDC. We voted against arguing for a lower increase in council tax paid for with savings.

SK Coalition won a vote to allocate £60,000 as a reserve to collect litter on the A1. Newark and Sherwood District Council have proved this can be done and this is the responsibility of SKDC.

7000 silver recycling bins were not collected in SKDC in one week in late Feb. We await the cost and impact of these events which made regional and national headlines. As from the beginning of this week (18.3.24) the policing of the bins will commence. There be an increase in the number of bins being rejected for the wrong items.

The budget for the new waste depot is £8 million which has now been increased by 10% due to increase in project costs. To date nothing has been started on the new site (Turnpike close) the old site has out grown its use and it is difficult for the wagons to get in and out of the current site.

A Stamford Town Councillor ran a petition in Stamford against car parking charges – 2500 signatures were against the idea of doing this. Cll Richard Clever (Deputy Leader) supported the increase.

Starting next year, Lincolnshire will receive more than ten times as much funding £37.5 million a year – to invest in its local transport. In total £262 million has been allocated for our local authority to spend between 2025 and 2032, which compares to a £3.3 million allocation for this year and under the existing funding mechanism.