

CABINET**Tuesday, 14th September, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors Blank
D Collins
Holmes

Councillors J Innes
Ludlow
Mannion-Brunt

Non Voting P Innes
Members

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

34 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

35 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sarvent and Serjeant.

Councillor Serjeant used the remote access function to observe the meeting.

36 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 20 July, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

37 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 October to 31 January was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

38 DELEGATION REPORT

Decisions taken by Cabinet Members during July and August were reported.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Delegation Report be noted.

39 BREAST FEEDING POLICY

The Policy Officer submitted a report seeking approval for the proposed Breast Feeding Policy.

Breastfeeding in public places was legal and protected under the Equality Act for as long as a mother wished to breastfeed her baby, toddler or small child without an age restriction. Protection under the legislation covered any public space from parks and leisure facilities to public buildings and using public transport.

The proposed Breast Feeding Policy was attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Breast Feeding Policy be approved and implemented.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure consistency amongst staff to create an atmosphere within Council venues in which a mother is able to breastfeed comfortably and confidently.

40 FLAG FLYING POLICY

The Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report seeking approval for the proposed Flag Flying Policy.

Previously the Chesterfield Borough Council Civic Office produced a list of flag flying days based on guidance from the Government and the National Association of Civic Officers (NACO). Any requests that were received for additional flag flying days or illumination of the Town Hall were determined on a case-by-case basis, however, the number of requests had been increasing which created the need for a clear protocol to guide decisions and set out the Council's procedures for the flying of flags and illumination of the Town Hall.

New guidance had been issued by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport in March 2021 that called for all UK Government buildings to fly the Union Flag every day. The Government wrote to all councils in England to encourage them to follow this guidance and in accordance with this guidance, the Policy proposed that the Union Flag would be flown all year round at the Town Hall.

The proposed Flag Flying Policy was attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Flag Flying Policy be approved and implemented with immediate effect.
2. That the Flag Flying Policy be reviewed after a period of two years.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure careful consideration is given to flag flying days and requests for the illumination of the Town Hall to encourage community cohesion and acknowledge the feelings of the borough's residents as flags are a highly emotive symbol and can be open to interpretation.

41 ANNUAL REPORT TO TENANTS

The Service Director – Housing submitted a report seeking approval for the Annual Report to Tenants for 2020/21, as required by Homes England. A copy of the Annual Report was attached at appendix A of the officer's report.

The Annual Report included details on performance, service delivery and future improvements in relation to:

- repairs and maintenance;
- allocating homes;
- rent collection;
- tenancy and estate management;
- careline;
- value for money.

The Annual Report would be published in the next edition of the Council's 'Your Chesterfield' newsletter.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Annual Report to Tenants be approved.
2. That a copy of the Annual Report be published on the council's website and be issued to all tenants and households in the Borough through the 'Our Homes' section within the Council's 'Your Chesterfield' publication.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To comply with regulatory requirements.