

CABINET**Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors D Collins
Holmes
J Innes
Ludlow

Councillors Mannion-Brunt
Sarvent
Serjeant

Non Voting P Innes
Members

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

43 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Blank.

44 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 September, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

45 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 December, 2021 to 31 March, 2022 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

46 DELEGATION REPORT

Decisions taken by Cabinet Members during October were reported.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Delegation Report be noted.

47 VISITOR ECONOMY STRATEGY

The Senior Economic Development Officer presented a report on the draft Visitor Economy Strategy and sought approval to commence consultation on its content.

The development of the draft Visitor Economy Strategy had been underpinned by the preparation of a Situation Report which summarised the current position of Chesterfield as a visitor destination. A copy of the Situation Report was attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

The overall purpose of the Visitor Economy Strategy was to attract more visitors to Chesterfield to support existing retail, leisure, and hospitality businesses through generating additional footfall and spend and create new jobs in the local economy. A copy of the draft Visitor Economy Strategy was attached at Appendix 2 of the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the draft Chesterfield Visitor Economy Strategy (2021-26) be approved for public consultation.
2. That the Service Director - Economic Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy, be granted delegated authority to make amendments and corrections to the draft Chesterfield Visitor Economy Strategy and associated supporting material to make it ready for consultation.
3. That, following the public consultation, the final version of the Chesterfield Visitor Economy Strategy be presented to Cabinet and Council for further consideration and approval.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To progress the adoption of the Chesterfield Visitor Economy Strategy (2021-26).

48 **AFGHAN RELOCATIONS AND ASSISTANCE POLICY AND AFGHAN CITIZENS RESETTLEMENT SCHEMES**

The Service Director - Corporate presented a report which sought approval for the Council's participation in the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy and Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme.

Local councils had an excellent track record of supporting humanitarian efforts to protect and support refugees with examples provided of a wide range of support already delivered across different government schemes. Due to the risk to current and former locally employed staff and other vulnerable people, over 15,000 people had been evacuated from Afghanistan by the UK Government.

The Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy would offer relocation and other assistance to current and former locally employed staff. The Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme would resettle up to 20,000 people at risk. The scheme would prioritise vulnerable people, those who had supported UK efforts in Afghanistan and those who had stood up for democratic values.

The Government had announced a core local authority funding tariff and additional funding would be provided to support education and health provision in the first year of resettlement.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That, subject to confirmation of the partnership approach with Derbyshire County Council, Chesterfield Borough Council's participation in the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy and Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme be approved.
2. That the resettlement of up to six families through the two schemes over a five-year period, utilising Council housing stock and stock owned by registered social housing providers, be approved.

3. That the Cabinet Member for Governance, in consultation with the portfolio holders for Housing and Health and Wellbeing, be granted delegated authority to consider urgent requests from the 3 Government regarding these schemes and future refugee resettlement schemes.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

To contribute to the national Government and Local Government response to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, protecting current and former locally employed staff and their families and refugees identified as particularly vulnerable including women and girls at risk, and members of minority groups at risk, including ethnic and religious minorities and LGBT+ communities.

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STAVELEY TOWN CENTRE DRAFT MASTERPLAN

The Joint Growth Unit Manager presented a report on the Staveley Town Centre - Draft Vision Masterplan and sought approval to commence consultation on its content.

Like many town centres, Staveley faced a number of issues and challenges. The purpose of the Draft Vision Masterplan was to refresh the vision for Staveley Town Centre and support the development of several key projects to improve its viability and vitality ahead of the council making funding submissions to the £25.2m Staveley Town Deal programme. A copy of the draft Staveley Town Centre Vision Masterplan briefing pack was attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the draft Staveley Town Centre Vision Masterplan, the associated supporting material and the proposed approach for public consultation be approved.
2. That the Service Director - Economic Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy, be granted delegated authority to make amendments and corrections to the draft Staveley Town Centre Vision Masterplan and associated supporting material to make it ready for public consultation.

3. That, following public consultation, the final draft version of the Staveley Town Centre Vision Master Plan be presented to Cabinet for further consideration and approval.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. To allow consultation to be undertaken on the draft Staveley Town Centre Vision Masterplan in accordance with the Council's published Statement of Community Involvement and Communications and Engagement Strategy.
2. To allow for minor amendments prior to consultation to finalise the consultation material.
3. To inform the final draft version of the masterplan following consultation and development of the project delivery plan for future Cabinet consideration.