

Delegated Decision Notice

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
Approximate value	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000
Director¹	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment		
Contact person:	Catherine Dearlove		Telephone number: 07867 520790
Subject²:	Afghan Locally Employed Staff (LES) Relocation Scheme		
Decision details³:	<p>What decision has been taken? (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.)</p> <p>That the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment approved:</p> <p>a) Leeds City Council's participation in the Afghan LES Relocation Scheme by taking up to 60 people, initially we would like to take 40 people (8 properties) with a view to sourcing 4 more if we are able to.</p> <p>b) The Director of Communities, Housing and Environment is responsible for the implementation of decisions in respect of this report.</p>		
	<p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision (Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)</p> <p>The Government has been running a scheme to relocate Afghan former LES to the UK since 2013, in recognition of the fact that they are at increased risk of intimidation, having worked side by side with our armed forces and officials. For example, many of those who are eligible under the scheme have worked as military interpreters. Following the announcement that NATO military forces will withdraw from Afghanistan, it has been decided to accelerate the pace of relocations under the</p>		

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.


² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

	<p>scheme. A collaborative, cross-government approach is being taken to support the effective integration of all those LES who choose to come to the UK, including engagement with Local Authorities and each of the 11 Strategic Migration Partnerships across the UK. This scheme is fully funded by a grant from the Home office with no costs to the Local Authority.</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>The alternative option would be not to participate in the scheme</p>
Affected wards:	All
Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	<p>Consultation has taken place with the Executive members of communities, Director of Communities, Housing and Environment and the Chief Officer of Safer, Stronger Communities.</p>
	Ward Councillors
	Others
Implementation	<p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p>Catherine Dearlove, Resettlement Manager will be accountable. Work will commence immediately on the Afghan LES Relocation Scheme</p>
List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁵	<p>Date Added to List:-</p>
	<p>If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why</p> <p>It is impracticable to delay the decision due to the emerging situation in Afghanistan and the security of Afghan locally engaged staff. People on the relocation scheme will be arriving into the UK on 22nd June 2021</p>
	<p>If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

⁵ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

Publication of report⁶	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:		
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____		
Call In	Is the decision available ⁷ for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:		
Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ⁸ James Rogers, Director of Communities, Housing & Environment		
	Signature 	Date: 11/06/21	

⁶ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

⁸ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.