



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Cabinet

2 February 2021

Report of: Shahin Ismail, Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)



Cabinet Decision Call-in - Public Realm Improvements, St Peter's Hill, Grantham

Following the Call-in of the Cabinet decision taken at its meeting held on 1 December 2020, this reports invites Cabinet to consider the recommendations made by the Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Corporate Priority:	Decision type:	Wards:
Not applicable	Not applicable	Grantham St Wulfram's

Reviewed by:	Dan Snowdon, Interim Head of Governance	20 January 2021
Approved by:	Shahin Ismail, Monitoring Officer	20 January 2021
Signed off by:	Karen Bradford, Chief Executive	25 January 2021

Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. Notes the contents of the report.
2. Considers the request of the Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee; that it be updated on the progress of the organisation of the event and fundraising, as per the recommendations at 2.2 of this report.

1 Background

- 1.1 Cabinet received a report at its meeting held on 1 December 2020 regarding Public Realm Improvements, St Peter's Hill, Grantham. The report is attached at Appendix A to this report.
- 1.2 The report made the following recommendations that were approved:
 1. Cabinet is asked to approve the installation of the statue on St Peter's Hill Green, in accordance with the agreed planning permission;
 2. To approve a budget allocation from the Local Priorities Reserve and authorise expenditure of up to £100k to underwrite the statue unveiling even and any consequential works. Any fundraising from the public, businesses and others will go towards funding this budget allocation;
 3. To approve the engagement of an external organisation, as part of the above allocation, to coordinate the unveiling, including event management, communications and fundraising campaign; and
 4. To delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Monitoring Officer, the authority to enter into a deed of gift agreement with The Public Memorials Appeal to transfer the ownership of the statue to the Council from the point of installation.
- 1.3 A request to call-in the decision was received by the Chief Executive on 6 December 2020 and was approved by the Monitoring Officer.
- 1.4 The stated reasons to call in the decision were as follows:
 - (a) It is outside the delegated powers of the Cabinet;
 - (b) There has been inadequate/insufficient consultation with Members and other stakeholders including Grantham residents;
 - (c) Insufficient consideration of all options/relative weighting of options;
 - (d) Cabinet members conflict of interest; and
 - (e) Significant public interest in the decision.
- 1.5 The matter was referred to the Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

2 Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 2.1 The Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 5 January 2021 considered the Call-in request. Attached at Appendix B are the minutes of the meeting.
- 2.2 Following discussion, the Committee made the following recommendations:
 - a) That Cabinet gives further consideration to item two of their decision; with specific regard to the financial breakdown of the up to £100k, in relation to fundraising and details of the anticipated on-going costs.
 - b) Request that the Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee be updated on the progress of the organisation of the event and fundraising.

With regard to recommendation a); officers have prepared a briefing report attached at Appendix C that provides further information and clarity regarding the funding and the fundraising aspect of the proposals.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The financial considerations with respect to the report 'Public Realm Improvements, St Peter's Hill Grantham' (that was considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2020) are contained within that report. There are no specific financial considerations arising from this report.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Interim Director of Finance

4 Legal and Governance Implications

- 4.1 Legal implications are contained within the body of this report.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Shahin Ismail, Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

5 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

- 5.1 None.

6 Risk and Mitigation

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7 Community Safety Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9 Other Implications (where significant)

- 9.1 None.

10 Background Papers

- 10.1 South Kesteven District Council Constitution:

<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=600&Mid=3713&Ver=4&Info=1>

11 Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix A - Report to Cabinet

Appendix B – Minutes Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Appendix C – Budget and Funding briefing note

Appendix D – Provisional Budget

Appendix E – Role of the Safety Advisory Group

Report Timeline:	Date of Publication on Forward Plan (if required)	Not applicable
	Previously Considered by: Cabinet	1 December 2020
	Final Decision date	2 February 2021