



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Executive 24 September 2025

Wards affected: All wards

Afghan Resettlement Scheme

Report of Director (Community Services)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek member approval for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to work towards the identification of 12 bed spaces for Afghan Resettlement, within the private rented sector.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That members confirm support to identify 12 bedspaces within the private rental sector for Afghan Resettlement and note the proposed arrangements regarding this cohort.

3. Background to the report

3.1 Afghan Resettlement Transitional Accommodation- Provision of Spaces

- 3.2 In March 2025, the Home Office requested support from local authorities to assist the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in stepping up transitional hotel accommodation for newly arriving Afghan nationals. The East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership (SNP) was tasked with developing a regional model to accommodate approximately 390 individuals per year, moving out of the transitional hotel, which is to be provided within an undisclosed East Midlands local authority area. This regional requirement equates to 12 bed spaces within Hinckley and Bosworth.

3.3 Bedspaces

- 3.4 Given the ongoing pressures on the Council's social housing stock it is proposed that the council meets its requirement of bed spaces in the private

rented sector rather than drawing on its own limited social housing provision. It is proposed that support for any Afghan households accommodated would be provided by Charnwood Borough council under the existing arrangement for resettlement support. This would be funded from the funding received per household.

- 3.5 Members are asked to support the identification of 12 bed spaces for Afghan transitional accommodation within the borough via the private rental sector.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

- 4.1 Open

5. Financial implications [CS]

- 5.1 For 2025/26, Hinckley & Bosworth BC have received Home Office grant funding to date of £12,500 for asylum dispersal. This funding is broadly intended for all asylum dispersal schemes.
- 5.2 Should additional budgets be required, approval will need to be sought in accordance with financial procedure rules.

6. Legal implications [ST]

- 6.1 None

7. Corporate Plan implications

- 7.1 The objectives of this report align to the following corporate plan objectives:

People: Help people to stay healthy, happy and active and continue to provide initiatives that support children and young people, older people and our vulnerable residents.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 None.

9. Risk implications

- 9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.
- 9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

- 9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) risks

Risk description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Failure to meet Home Office Target	Support with scheme	Director of Community Services

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

- 10.1 The Scheme will be delivered with a view to ensuring effective community cohesion .

11. Climate implications

- 11.1 The Community Services Directorate aligns delivery with climate change objectives where possible.

12. Corporate implications

- 12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
- Community safety implications
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset management implications
 - Procurement implications
 - Human resources implications
 - Planning implications
 - Data protection implications
 - Voluntary sector

Background papers: None

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