



- Stanley Town Council is a key stakeholder in the community and wish to remain fully involved and active in the ongoing development and implementation of the masterplan
- Stanley is recognised as an area of deprivation and the master-plan acknowledges the need for the whole area to receive major investment to provide for a sustainable and thriving community. In doing so STC note that all investment will need to be properly prioritised around community needs to maximise positive outcomes and benefits
- Stanley Town Council acknowledge that to achieve the wider ambitions set out in the plan will require a long-term investment and a multi-agency approach requiring ongoing and effective community consultation
- The Stanley Civic Hall is recognised by the community as a major community asset. The building incorporates a Civic Theatre and needs major investment to be sustainable in order to thrive and be able to develop community, cultural and heritage activities for the community and wider region. (The building is owned by Durham County Council and leased to Stanley Town Council)
- The need for good and accessible public transport links from the outlying villages is a key area identified by the community and also to nearby conurbations i.e. Durham, Sunderland & Newcastle
- Stanley Town Council have concerns surrounding the possibility of introducing parking charges as it would deter visitors to the Town Centre
- There is a need for the masterplan to take account and as far as possible clearly link to the leveling up bid to ensure resources and investment are maximized and not disadvantaged

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 6.30 pm Civic Hall, Stanley.

