

**RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
ROED REF EPSH2230**



Decision taken by individual Officer

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Tim Mills – Head of Economy, Planning and Strategic Housing

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

To agree and adopt the second phase of the Interim Management Plan (2021 – 2024) for Southwood Country Park. The first phase of the plan (2019 – 2021) was agreed by Cabinet on 23rd July 2019.

The plan outlines the practical environmental management measures to be undertaken at the Park to facilitate its use as Suitable Accessible Natural Green Space (SANG) in line with the policy objectives of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area Delivery Framework (February 2009).

The Interim Management Plan seeks to achieve ecological restoration and enhancement following the removal of the site from use as golf course. Management will be undertaken in partnership with a managing contractor. The Plan is initially published as 'interim' to enable a managing contractor to be appointed and to allow review in line with expected ecological changes as site restoration progresses and as other projects / works such as the Esso Pipeline replacement, installation of SANG infrastructure and ecological restoration projects.

It is intended that a detailed Management Plan fully costed and with specified timeframes is to be published in 2024.

The second phase of the plan was shared with the Deputy Leader and Operational Services Portfolio Holder and the Planning and Economy Portfolio Holder ahead of its adoption.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

13.07.2022

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

N/A

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(Conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

None

Signed



(Decision Maker – **Tim Mills Head of Economy, Planning and Strategic Housing**)

Designation

Not a key decision