

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member/Officer

Sharepoint/Policy & Conservation/Heritage/Locally Listed buildings/Local List Additions and amendments/Penmark House

DECISION MAKER <i>Tim Mills</i>
DECISION AND THE REASON(S) Address: Penmark House, Albert Road, Aldershot, GU11 1SZ Date of site visit: 20/1/2023 Reasons: Consideration for addition to the Local List, following pre-application approach Recommendation: The building is a substantial four storey flat-roofed structure in poor condition. It is rendered in sand pink and was used as the offices of the Aldershot News from the 1960s until the 1990s. Investigation of the attached 'Tritools' building (Local List LL5001) has indicated that Penmark House, rather than a 1960s redevelopment, is actually an adaptation which retains substantial parts of the structure of the late 19 th Century Simmonds Steam Mill. Peeled sections of render show original English bond London Stock brickwork beneath and there is evidence of retained window arches beneath it at upper level. The parapets of the two sections of the building correspond to those in early 20 th Century photographs. An internal inspection revealed what appear to be a typical Victorian mill construction involving structural spaced cast iron columns which have been boxed in as part of the office conversion, and a boarded up loading bay which has a six section bi-fold rail hung door with original cast iron hinges and a small wicket gate. The building is subject to pre-application discussion with a view to redevelopment and is an important site in the context of local regeneration because of its current neglect and impact on the surrounding area. Any heritage argument in favour of adaptation and/or partial retention as opposed to demolition, will have financial implications for any redevelopment proposal. Inclusion on the local list is intended to facilitate discussion and investigation of the extent and architectural/historic merit of what remains on site. This, together with examination of the structural integrity of the building can inform further discussion on the possibilities for retention, re-use, demolition, façade retention, recording and architectural salvage.
Recommend: Include
DATE DECISION TAKEN 23 rd January 2023
ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED <i>None</i>

Signed _____  _____ Decision Maker

Signed _____  _____ Cabinet Member

Designation - Add to Local List

Please send completed form to Jill Shuttleworth, Democratic Services and Land Charges.

Guidance notes for using this form

Recording executive decisions

New regulations¹ came into effect on 10 September 2012, under which council officers and cabinet members are required to record every decision they take which is connected to the discharge of a function which is the responsibility of the executive (Cabinet). This applies whether the decision is taken by an officer or an individual cabinet member. This record must be published on the Council's website.

Which executive decisions must be recorded?

The regulations state that any decision connected to the discharge of a function, which is the responsibility of the Cabinet, must be recorded and published. However, at Rushmoor we are restricting the recording requirement to those decisions that are 'closely' (rather than remotely) connected with the discharge of a function of the Cabinet. For guidance, this includes any decision that is either:

- A 'key decision'; or
- Delegated to an officer(s)/cabinet member at a Cabinet meeting; or
- Delegated to an officer in consultation with a cabinet member (within the scheme of delegation or authorised at Cabinet); or
- Any executive decision, whether or not it is in the Cabinet Scheme of Delegation, where there is a reasonable expectation of public interest in the matter being decided because it may have an impact on a community living or working in Rushmoor; or
- The subject of urgent action outside the Scheme of Delegation

Decisions which are administrative in nature – for example, purchasing low value items or are otherwise minor or routine, need not be recorded.

In addition, some decisions would be considered exempt from publication because, for example, they affect particular individuals rather than the public in general, or concern the business affairs of any person (including the Council) where the information could be claimed to be commercially sensitive.

What are key decisions?

Key decisions are not taken by individual cabinet members and are not usually taken by officers, unless specifically delegated by the Cabinet.

A key decision is one which is likely to:

- result in the Council incurring expenditure or making savings which are significant in as much as they will have a material effect on the level of Council tax or balances or contingencies in relation to the Council's overall budget; or
- be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the Borough

¹ The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Photographs 20/1/2023





