

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Officer

ONS consultation on the future of population and migration statistics in England and Wales

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Rachel Baker – Assistant Chief Executive

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

The ONS is consultation on the future of population and migration statistics in England and Wales. The new method would use admin-based data and survey data, and may mean not continuing the 10 yearly Census.

The decision is:

To respond to the online public consultation from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

To raise concern that the new method may result in Rushmoor not getting data at the geographical level we require it or in the detail we require it.

To raise concerns hard to reach groups may not be represented in survey data.

To raise concerns about the difference between current population estimates and actual population figures from the census.

To suggest the 2031 census should be carried out alongside the new approach to increase confidence in the new approach.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

29 September 2023

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

The only alternative option would be to not respond to the consultation. However, due to the potential impact on local population data, this is not considered an appropriate option.

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).

N/A

Signed _____
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Designation: