

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet member

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

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Cllr Keith Dibble, Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

- Confirmation that the Rushmoor Biodiversity Duty Report (March 2026) can be published

Production of the Biodiversity Duty Report is required by law. Public authorities who operate in England must consider what we can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in England. This is known as the strengthened 'biodiversity duty' that the Environment Act 2021 introduced. The Council published its 'Biodiversity Duty (First Consideration) Report' in January 2024. The first reporting period ended on 1st January 2026 and the Duty report must be published within 12 weeks of the end of this period.

The Report has been prepared in consultation with members of the Strategic Housing and Local Plan Group (SHLPG). A draft of the response was presented to SHLPG members for comment on 10th March 2026. The final version reflects feedback received from Members of SHLPG.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

23rd March 2026

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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

The Council is required to produce and publish the report by law, therefore it is not considered that there are any alternative options in this instance.

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).

Signed



(Decision maker)

Designation:

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