

**RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
ROED Reference: 219**



Decision Taken: To submit a planning application for 237 High Street

DECISION MAKER

Martin Tennant Portfolio Holder Major Projects and Property

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

The Council has established a wholly owned housing company, Rushmoor Homes Ltd (the company). The Council proposes to dispose of land and properties in its ownership to the company in order to create a portfolio of properties for market rent; 237 High Street is one of these properties.

The Council intends to secure planning permission for the site before transferring it to the company. The site is an existing, derelict commercial property with significant structural problems preventing it from being occupied.

Following a positive pre application, a planning application has been prepared for 6 x 1 bed maisonettes and 2 x 1 bed flats across the land at 237 High Street and the adjoining site at 235 High Street which is owned by the company. The council's Head of Property and Growth, in his capacity as Chief Operating Officer of Rushmoor Homes Ltd, has requested that the Council submits the application.

Under the Council's constitution Portfolio Holders are authorised to authorise Heads of service to apply for planning permission. The Portfolio Holder for Major Projects and Property is asked to authorise the submission of the application, in this case with the council's Executive Director rather than Head of Service, as consultee.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

08/03/24

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

An alternative would be to transfer the site to the company to submit the planning application, however, under the current working practice it is for the Council to prepare sites for transfer to the company with planning granted to de risk the site and therefore support the viability of the proposed new housing.

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 PHB Virtual: PP
(Decision Maker – Martin Tennant Portfolio Holder Major Projects and Property)

Signed:
(Executive Director Consultee – Karen Edwards)

Designation Not a key decision