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 To response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on the following consultation: • Consultation on streamlining infrastructure planning The consultation seeks views on changes to guidance, services operated by the public sector, and secondary legislation to streamline the infrastructure planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. The proposals could impact on the day-to-day activities of the planning service in relation to any future Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, such as a new fuel pipeline, and it is therefore important that the Council makes a response to MHCLG on this consultation. The response has been prepared in consultation with members of the Strategic Housing and Local Plan Group (SHLPG). A draft of the response was shared with SHLPG members for comment on 21st October 2025.
DATE DECISION TAKEN 27th October 2025
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED *(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)* The Council could choose not to respond to the consultations. However, due to the potential implications of the consultations for the planning service, this was 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).*

Signe[redacted]

(Decision maker)

Designation: Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning

Please send completed form to Chris Todd, Democracy

Guidance notes for using this form

Recording executive decisions

New regulations[1] 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 usually taken by individual Cabinet members or 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[i]; or

- be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the Borough

[i] approximately £100,000 or more

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