

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 and Planning (in consultation with Tim Mills, Executive Head of Property & Growth)

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared jointly between Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) and Hart District Council (HDC) in relation to the emerging new local plans for both authorities. It sets out the agreed position as of June 2026 in relation to the strategic matters of housing and suitable alternative natural greenspace (SANG) provision. This does not represent a final agreed position, and the intention is that this SoCG will be continually updated as both authorities prepare evidence and progress with their Local Plan preparation. It highlights the potential that RBC will need to ask HDC for assistance in meeting its need for housing and SANG.

Whilst the duty to cooperate previously required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 is no longer in place, there is still an expectation that local planning authorities engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with other local planning authorities and stakeholders on strategic and cross-boundary matters in the preparation of their local plans. This SoCG provides a record of how the two authorities are engaging as we prepare our Local Plans.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

8 July 2026

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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

The Council could choose not to sign the SoCG, but this would not meet the expectation for local planning authorities to engage as part of local plan preparation.

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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Cllr Keith Dibble
(Decision maker)

Designation: Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning

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Tim Mills
(in consultation with)

Designation: Executive Head of Property & Growth