

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



## Decision taken by individual Cabinet member

### DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Cllr Keith Dibble, Portfolio Holder for Development & Economic Growth (in consultation Tim Mills, Head of Property and Growth)

### DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

In June 2024, the Council signed a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Surrey Heath Borough Council on relevant strategic matters. This statement supported the Pre-Submission Surrey Heath Local Plan (2019-2038), which was published for consultation in August 2024. Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) responded to this consultation in September 2024.

Under Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011) and in accordance with paras. 24-27 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2023), it is a requirement under the duty to cooperate for a local planning authority to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in the preparation of development plan documents and other documents.

SHBC have updated the SoCG to reflect the comments made by RBC and sets out further duty to cooperate activities that have taken place between the two authorities since August 2024. The agreed Statement will be submitted alongside the Surrey Heath Local Plan (2019-2028)

As with the previous SoCG, the agreement has no implications for RBC to meet needs arising from the Surrey Heath Local Plan.

The decision is made for the Head of Property and Growth to sign the updated Statement of Common Ground.

### DATE DECISION TAKEN

13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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

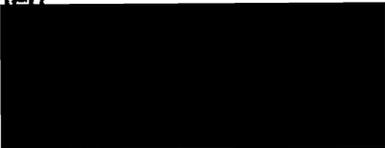
The Council could choose not to sign the SoCG, but this would not meet the legal obligations set out above.

### 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



**Keith Dibble**

(Decision maker)

**Designation:** Portfolio Holder for Development and Economic Growth



In consultation with **Tim Mills**

**Designation:** Head of Property and Growth.