

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision Taken: To enter into the Development Management Agreement for the delivery of the Farnborough Leisure Centre

DECISION MAKER

Karen Edwards – Executive Director

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Cabinet approval was given on the 3 March (REG2601) as set out below to enter in a Development Management Agreement with Alliance Leisure Services Ltd, for the delivery of the new leisure centre and surface car park in Farnborough town centre.

Subject to planning permission being granted and review of the contractors proposals that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Executive Head of Finance (S151 officer), the Interim Monitoring Officer and Corporate Manager Legal Services and Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities & Active Lives, to enter in a Development Management Agreement with Alliance Leisure Services Ltd.

This record of executive decision (RoED) formally documents the matters dealt with in order to enter into contract, as per the above Cabinet approval.

RIBA Stage 4a design development has concluded and detailed contractor's proposals have been developed and reviewed by Alliance Leisure and the internal project team (including the independent technical construction consultant). The final issue of the contractors proposals dated 10th April 2026 will form the basis of the build contract and were formally signed off via an RoED on the 20th April 2026 by the Executive director, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder Healthy Communities & Active Lives.

Planning permission was granted on the 20th April 2026, following the agreement of the S106.

A fluctuations clause has been introduced into the contract due to the ongoing conflict in Iran. The attached paper presented to the Council's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on the 21st April sets this out in more detail.

Several items within the contract documentation have been reviewed and flagged by the project and legal team, leading to negotiation/discussion with Alliance and the contractor following SLT or statutory officer consideration. The most significant of these are set out in the attached paper.

The day one budget position is set out within the contract documentation. The attached budget log sets out a summary of the changes, which are within the parameters of the budget approval given at cabinet.

This decision has been taken following consultation with Sophie Porter - Portfolio Holder Healthy Communities & Active Lives.

DATE DECISION TAKEN - 29/04/26

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

An alternative option is not to enter the contract, jeopardising the Levelling up funding, and ability to build the new centre within the required funding timescales.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

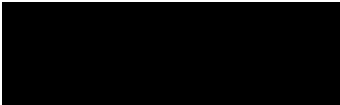
None

Signed 

Karen Edwards – Executive Director

In consultation with

Signed



Peter Vickers, Executive Head of Finance

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Ian Harrison, Managing Director, Head of Paid Service on behalf of

Amanda Bancroft, Executive Head of governance & Law (Monitoring Officer)

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Guidance notes for using this form

Recording executive decisions

New regulations¹ 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

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

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 taken by individual cabinet members and are not usually taken by 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; or
- be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the Borough