

# 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)*

Councillor Sue Carter, Community Portfolio Holder

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

The decision is to respond to the Government's consultation on the [cap on safe and legal routes for refugees](#).

This consultation looks to better understand the capacity of local authorities to accommodate and support vulnerable and at-risk people coming to the UK via safe and legal routes. The Government believe that the UK should take only as many refugees as local communities can support.

The Council's response says that the borough has zero capacity to house and support those coming through safe and legal routes under the cap in 2025. It sets out the evidence for this response, how funding affects our ability to resettle refugees, and the impact of the local provision of public services.

### DATE DECISION TAKEN

22 December 2023

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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

The response has been prepared in consultation with Housing, Community Safety, Community & Partnerships, and Local Authority Housing Fund project officers. The Council consulted local partners, including Rushmoor Voluntary Services, Citizens Advice – Rushmoor, North East Hampshire & Farnham NHS, Hope Church – Aldershot, Aldershot & Farnborough Libraries, Hampshire County Council, and Hampshire Constabulary

An alternative choice would be to not respond to the consultation. This would mean that the Government would assume a zero-capacity response. However, the Council would lose the opportunity to justify its response. It would not be able to reflect the considerable public and voluntary service support for refugees and asylum seekers already in the borough.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Cllr Sue Carter \_\_\_\_\_  
(Decision maker)

**Designation: Community Portfolio Holder**