

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Officer

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Karen Edwards, Executive Director

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

As part of the Leisure & Cultural Hub delivery an application has been made to Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE) to verify that the required load would be available for the Leisure & Cultural Hub and Mobility Hub.

SSE have advised that there is insufficient network capacity at this time to provide the full 2MVA that was requested in the connection application. They have indicated that network improvements are required to provide the 2MVA connection, and that these are not scheduled for completion until 2030.

SSE have advised that we can secure an interim connection of 1MVA which would be sufficient for the Leisure & Cultural Hub and core services to the Mobility Hub but not the electric vehicle charging points. The remaining 1 MVA supply will then be available in 2030.

SSE will not provide any further detail regarding their programme until the order has been placed and deposit paid – at this point we will be assigned a contact within the System Planning Team. The programme will determine the remaining payment schedule for this work and will be agreed following payment of deposit. This issue highlights a significant risk with the requirement to secure power for remaining plots in the Civic Quarter and pay associated costs. The Regeneration team will now liaise with the SSE System Planning Team on this.

Timescales given within the quote provided are estimated indications only and are subject to change. SSE reserve the right to requote if works are delayed as a result of factors outside of their control. Should this occur we retain our right to cancellation, however, any costs incurred by or unavoidably committed to by SSE at that point will be retained from any refund due or invoiced if they have not yet been paid.

SSE have advised that there have been other connection applications in this area, and we now have a time limit for accepting the connection (30 days from initial quote received on 4th March 2024) i.e. Payment by 11th April 2024.

This decision is that the Council pay the initial 10% deposit of £32,288.25 in order to secure the connection. The deposit will be paid using remaining budget allocated to scheme delivery as part of Stage 3 activity and is funded through allocation from Levelling Up funding. This represents a revised use of funds which is possible as the planning submission has now been postponed until late summer. Any further budget revisions outside existing delegations required as a result of this decision will be requested to Cabinet.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

05.04.2024

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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

If we do not accept the quote and pay the deposit then other applications will be prioritised and we cannot guarantee access to the interim 1 MVA or subsequent 2 MVA supply from 2030. This will prevent an adequate electricity supply being provided to the Leisure and Cultural Hub and associated Mobility Hub.

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).

None

Signed:
(Decision Maker)



Designation: Executive Director