

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



## Decision taken by individual Cabinet member

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

Cllr Jonathan Canty, Portfolio Holder for Development and Economic Growth

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

To respond to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's consultation on 'heat network zoning'.

The consultation seeks views on proposals to speed up the development of district heat networks. The proposals would see areas of England identified and designated as 'heat network zones' where district heat networks are expected to be the lowest-cost solution to decarbonising heat. Heat network zoning would be a separate regulatory regime to the planning system but would interact with the wider planning system and the planning functions of local government. It is therefore important that the Council responds to the consultation.

### DATE DECISION TAKEN

21 February 2024

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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

The response to the consultation has been prepared in consultation with the Strategic Housing and Local Plans Group. An overview of the consultation was provided to members of the Group at a meeting on 15 January 2024, and a draft response was emailed to members of the Group for comment on 14 February 2024.

The other option is not to respond to the consultation. However, because the proposals would see the introduction of a new regulatory regime which would interact with the Council's Planning function, this is not considered an appropriate option.

### 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 **Jonathan Canty**  
(Decision maker)



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