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**Our reference:**  
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### **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 23 November 2021**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 23 November 2021, the following decisions were reached on the items listed in the attached schedule.

**The implementation of any key decisions are suspended until the call-in period has expired without a call-in being validly invoked.**

**Under the Rushcliffe Borough Council Constitution, call-in is available in respect to key decisions only.**

The call-in deadline for any key decisions contained in this Decision Notice is before the end of the working day on Thursday, 2nd December 2021. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 2nd December 2021.

Any Member of the Council shall be entitled to call for a decision to be suspended. To effect the call-in procedure, the appropriate form should be completed and returned to the Chief Executive by the end of the working day on Thursday, 2nd December 2021.

### **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF RUSHCLIFFE - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**It was RESOLVED that** the draft response to the second stage of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation be endorsed as the Council's response, and it be recommended for approval to Full Council.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The draft response document contained in Appendix One of the report draws together the views of Councillors to form the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) consultation on its draft recommendations for the electoral arrangements in Rushcliffe. It is important that given the nature of the changes proposed that the Council presents the local perspective to ensure that the decisions made by the LGBCE reflect Rushcliffe's local communities.

### **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY ALLOCATION AND SPEND PROCESS**

**It was RESOLVED that** the draft Community Infrastructure Levy Framework

Appraisal document and proposed allocation and spend procedure be approved, and it be recommended to Full Council for adoption.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The levy has been in place for two years and a reasonable level of levy receipts have been collected from developments within the Borough. A process for allocating and spending Community Infrastructure Levy receipts needs to be agreed before the funds can be applied towards delivering infrastructure.

## **RATCLIFFE ON SOAR POWER STATION LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the preparation of a Local Development Order for the Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station site be approved;
- b) it be agreed that the Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the site owner and works with them to prepare a draft Local Development Order, to be brought back to the Cabinet for approval;
- c) the draft timetable contained in Appendix A of the report be approved;
- d) the following additions to the terms of reference for the Local Development Framework Group in the Council's Constitution be approved: "The Local Development Framework Group shall consider and make recommendations to cabinet or Council on all draft Local Development Orders and any other relevant documents"; and
- e) it be agreed that the Director for Development and Economic Growth act as project Director for the Local Development Order and oversee its preparation and all associated consultations.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station is due to cease operations by October 2024, which presents a significant redevelopment opportunity for major new business activity and associated job creation on the site. This potential is recognised and supported by the proposals to establish both the East Midlands Development Corporation (EMDC) and the East Midlands Freeport. The recently submitted outline business case for the Freeport identifies that it is expected that the build out of the site would need to begin during 2023. This is to allow sufficient time to enable relevant new businesses to be up and running by 30 September 2026, which is the final date for businesses to be operational in order to qualify for full Freeport benefits.

The case for allocating the site for new development and removing it from the Green Belt is being considered as part of preparing for the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (GNSP). However, it is currently expected that the GNSP will be adopted midway through 2023, which is not timely enough for the Freeport process. In May 2021, Cabinet endorsed working with the site owner and the Freeport and EMDC to

explore developing a Local Development Order (LDO) or other suitable Order, to deliver greater planning certainty for the site. To enable work to proceed further and potentially give planning consent for development of the site ahead of the Local Plan process, it now needs to be decided which specific route to take. For the reasons identified within the report, it is considered that the most appropriate course of action is for the Council to work with the site owners to prepare a LDO. The LDO would give planning permission to develop the site, subject to any conditions applied to the order.

In preparing an LDO for the Ratcliffe site, consideration must be given to the decision making process. It is proposed that any decision to approve the draft LDO is taken by Cabinet and any decision to adopt the LDO is taken by Full Council. It is also proposed that, in the lead up to decisions being taken, the Local Development Framework Group considers and makes recommendations in respect of the draft LDO. This, however, will require an amendment to the group's terms of reference within the Council's Constitution.

### **COVID 19: UPDATE REPORT**

**It was RESOLVED that** the work of officers of the Council and partners in responding to and supporting the recovery from Covid 19 be noted.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To update Cabinet on the current impact of Covid 19, how this has changed since the last update in July 2021, and how the Council and its partners are responding to the pandemic.

The report is correct at the time of writing but as we have experienced, the situation can change quickly. It is important, therefore, that we remain flexible and responsive to these new challenges, and the report reflects the need to do this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sull', written in a cursive style.

**Sanjit Sull**  
**Monitoring Officer**