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**Our reference:**

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## **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 14 January 2025**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 14 January 2025 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, 23 January 2025. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 23 January 2025.

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, 23 January 2025.

## **RUSHCLIFFE DESIGN CODE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the draft Rushcliffe Design Code Supplementary Planning Document for a six-week period of public consultation be approved; and
- b) the Director – Development and Economic Growth be granted delegated authority to make any necessary minor editing changes to the Supplementary Planning Document prior to consultation.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable preparation of an NPPF-compliant authority-wide Design Code at Appendix 1 to the report to progress further towards adoption. Its role is to provide code and guidance to support the delivery of well-designed new development.

If adopted, the Design Code SPD will provide design code and guidance on the application of relevant Local Plan policies, including Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy Policy 10 (Design and Enhancing Local Identity) in particular, and pertinent national

policy and guidance within the NPPF and the government's Planning Practice Guidance.

The draft Design Code SPD has been subjected to a Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment Screening Opinion. The report for this process is at Appendix 2. It concludes that the draft Design Code SPD does not require its own Strategic Environmental Assessment or an Appropriate Assessment under the Habitat Regulations Assessment.

## **SIMPLER RECYCLING UPDATE**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the approach set out in paragraph 4.17 of the report, to align the Council's household waste collection arrangements with the 'Simpler Recycling' requirements be endorsed;
- b) the continuation of work with the Nottinghamshire Joint Waste Management Board to progress the wider operational planning for 'Simpler Recycling' implementation across the County be supported; and
- c) it be recommended that the Medium Term Financial Strategy (to be approved by Full Council) incorporates the financial implications at Appendix A to the report, and in particular the creation of a Simpler Recycling Reserve.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The collection of household waste is a statutory function of the Council as a defined Waste Collection Authority (WCA) and as such it must comply with any legislative requirements, which specify the arrangements for collections.

The Council must also work in conjunction with Nottinghamshire County Council who are the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) in relation to any collection arrangements to ensure a system approach is adopted.

A decision on the Council's approach to 'Simpler Recycling' is also required to give sufficient time for the ordering of new vehicles, receptacles and operational planning.

## **PARKWOOD LEISURE LTD CONTRACT VARIATION**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) variation of the Parkwood Leisure Contract to extend the contract to 31 July 2030 and include Edwalton Golf Course facility be approved;
- b) further variation of the Parkwood Leisure Contract to include East Leake Leisure Centre within one consolidated leisure contract, subject to successful negotiations with Nottinghamshire County Council at the end of the current PFI

arrangements be approved;

- c) the Council's Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute formal legal agreements to effect these contract variation; and
- d) the Director – Neighbourhoods be granted delegated authority to explore, in consultation with Director – Finance and Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer, alternative models of contract delivery such as an agency model, which are emerging within the leisure industry and report appropriately.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

Agreeing a three-year extension beyond the current term and bringing the facilities under one contract would result in several positive outcomes specifically:

- i. Additional financial benefits to the Council, which will help to offset the investment made by the Council at Cotgrave and Keyworth Leisure Centre redevelopments whilst also helping to support the medium-term financial strategy.
- ii. Bringing the facilities under one contract thus providing greater opportunity of scale and flexibility ready for a planned procurement for a new contract in 2030.
- iii. Strengthen the opportunity for Parkwood Leisure to play a key role in shaping the offer and operating arrangements for ELLC when the current PFI arrangement come to an end in 2027 including the creation of a Borough-wide membership system whilst also providing valuable financial and operating intelligence, which can be used to inform a future full procurement exercise.
- iv. Provides stability and continuity of the current leisure arrangements to take account the potential timescale for any local government reorganisation as set out in the Governments recent Devolution White Paper.
- v. Avoid the need to commence a procurement exercise in early 2025, which would likely cost around £150,000 (including internal resources allocated to the project and costs for external legal and consultancy support) and reasonably take two years to deliver.

Yours sincerely,



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