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### **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 8 July 2025**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 8 July 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, 17 July 2025. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 17 July 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, 17 July 2025.

### **NON-KEY DECISIONS**

#### **FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2024/25**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the 2024/25 revenue position and efficiencies identified in Table 1, the variances in Table 2, and Appendix A to the report be noted;
- b) changes to the earmarked reserves as set out at Appendix B along with the carry forwards and appropriations to reserves in Appendix E to the report be approved;
- c) the capital carry forwards outlined in Appendix C and summarised in Appendix F to the report be approved; and
- d) the update on the Special Expenses outturn at paragraph 4.20 and in Appendix D to the report be noted.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To accord with good financial governance and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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

### **It was RESOLVED that:**

- e) the proposed revisions to the Rushcliffe Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be supported;
- f) the Director– Development and Economic Growth be granted delegated authority to adopt the Rushcliffe Design Code SPD, and to publish an Adoption Statement at the point of adoption; and
- g) the Director– Development and Economic Growth be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, to make any necessary final minor textual, graphical and presentational changes required to the SPD prior to adoption.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable preparation of an National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) -compliant authority-wide Design Code 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 Director– Development and Economic Growth has been delegated authority to adopt the Design Code SPD in order to enable procedural matters required prior to SPD implementation to be finalised. This includes the finalisation of all supporting guidance and compliance templates.

## **MANAGEMENT OF OPEN SPACES**

### **It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the Good Practice Guide for the Management of Open Spaces to allow officers to engage with developers and management companies be endorsed and that delegated authority be given to the Director for Development and Economic Growth to make updates in line with the core principles of the Guide; and
- b) the Leader be requested to continue to lobby Government to regulate the governance of management companies to ensure transparency and remove charges unrelated to the direct management of open spaces.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

In May 2024, Cabinet reaffirmed its position not to adopt open spaces on new developments due to the significant financial burden this creates. However, Cabinet did support proposals for the Council to take an active role working with developers and management companies to encourage good practice. Officers developed a draft Good Practice Guide for the Management of Open Spaces, which was presented to the Development and Growth Scrutiny Group in March 2025.

The Growth and Development Scrutiny Group recommended that the Guide be brought to Cabinet with a provisional recommendation for its adoption. This was provisional upon changes being made to strengthen the wording around time frames for elements of the Guide, including notice given to residents ahead of increases in annual service charges. These changes have been made to the updated version of the Guide at Appendix B to the report.

While the Council accepts its role in encouraging good practice within the industry, it is clear there remains a significant role for Government to play in establishing much clearer consumer protections and introducing regulation of management companies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SPregon'.

**Sara Pregon**  
**Monitoring Officer**