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**Our reference:**

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## **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 23 June 2026**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 23 June 2026 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, 2 July 2026. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 2 July 2026.

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, 2 July 2026.

### **KEY DECISION**

#### **NEW RUSHCLIFFE LOCAL PLAN**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the preparation of a new Rushcliffe Local Plan, and the publication of the Council's Notice of Intention to Commence the Rushcliffe Local Plan (at Appendix 1), in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 be approved;
- b) the Rushcliffe Local Plan timetable (at Appendix 2 to the report) be approved and published, and delegated authority be granted to the Director for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, to agree any subsequent updates to the Local Plan timetable when necessary; and
- c) delegated authority be granted to the Director for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, to undertake necessary scoping work and evidence gathering to support the new Rushcliffe Local Plan, prior to the Gateway 1 Assessment Stage.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

It is necessary to commence work on the preparation of a new Rushcliffe Local Plan. National planning policy and proposed reforms reinforce the requirement for all local planning authorities to maintain an up-to-date Local Plan, with consequences for failure, including increased Government intervention in plan making and decision taking. An out-of-date local plan weakens the Council's ability to shape development, exposes planning decisions to appeal risk, and reduces leverage to secure infrastructure and affordable housing. Government has been clear that Local Government Reorganisation does not justify delay in plan preparation.

Early commencement of a new Local Plan is therefore essential both to retain local planning control and to provide the statutory spatial framework needed to enable delivery of the Council's Corporate Priorities. It will also ensure the Council's priorities are fully aligned with, and positively contribute to, the preparation of the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Spatial Development Strategy, safeguarding Rushcliffe's role within the wider regional growth agenda.

## **NON-KEY DECISIONS**

### **EAST OF GAMSTON/NORTH OF TOLLERTON DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the proposed updates and revisions to the East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Opinion be supported;
- b) the re-adoption of the East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document on the basis of the updated/revised version be approved; and
- c) delegated authority be granted to the Director for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, to make any necessary final graphical, presentational and minor textual changes required to the SPD prior to publication.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The SPD's role is to provide supplementary guidance on the application of Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy Policy 25 (Strategic Allocation at East of Gamston/North of Tollerton).

The SPD provides important guidance for the strategic allocation to help achieve an appropriate collective and coordinated development outcome for the whole site, including ensuring that site-wide infrastructure requirements are appropriately met by all developments on site.

The Council has sought legal advice and is to defend the judicial review claim against the currently adopted SPD. The Council does not consider the grounds of the claim to have merit or be arguable. However, as a precautionary approach before the “cut off” date for SPDs to be adopted or amended by the end of June 2026 (The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026), the recommended updates/revisions to the SPD and accompanying SEA/HRA Screening Opinion Report are recommended to be made.

## **DESIGNATION OF NEW LOCAL NATURE RESERVES**

**It was RESOLVED that** Cabinet approve for a Declaration to be made designating the land at The Green Line, West Bridgford; Meadow Park, East Leake and Springdale Wood, East Bridgford (shown hatched on the plans in Appendix 1 to the report) as Local Nature Reserves pursuant to Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To regularise the established use of these sites as nature reserves.

To act on the Council’s biodiversity duty to consider actions to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

To meet the objective within the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy 2026 – 2030 to identify and designate new sites.

## **EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) any recommendations made by Local Development Framework Group be considered;
- b) the proposed revisions to the draft East Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be supported;
- c) the adoption of the East Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions Supplementary Planning Document be approved;
- d) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, to adopt the East Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions Supplementary Planning Document no later than 30 June 2026 and to make any necessary final graphical, presentational and minor textual

changes required to the SPD prior to publication; and

- e) a further report be brought to Cabinet in the event that either or both of the other local planning authorities (North West Leicestershire District and South Derbyshire District Council) do not adopt the SPD in order to review the Council's position as regards the SPD.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

Once adopted, the East Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions SPD will help ensure the coordinated and collaborative delivery and funding of the strategic transport infrastructure needed to support development of the three EMF sites and help ensure that all schemes coming forward on the EMF sites and other SPD Sites contribute towards that strategic infrastructure on an equitable and proportionate basis.

The SPD envisages a mechanism (a framework section 106 agreement) to coordinate the funding and delivery of this strategic transport infrastructure from multiple sites through the planning process, as and when those sites come forward for development. The evidential work underpinning the draft SPD establishes the need for shared infrastructure pooled contributions from multiple sites. Ongoing highways modelling and evidence work is also being carried out to inform an EMF IDP in due course which will supplement the SPD and provide greater detail on the strategic infrastructure, estimated costings, SPD Sites and where possible timescales for delivery and delivery bodies. The EMF IDP will be the subject of further public consultation, which it is anticipated to be towards the end of 2026/early 2027. Following public consultation, it is expected that the Council (and other Local Planning Authorities) will ask their respective appropriate committee and/or Cabinet to endorse the final EMF IDP before it is published and used for the purpose set out in the SPD.

The SPD makes it clear that it is not part of the development plan and is not development plan policy. From the date of its adoption, the SPD is a material planning consideration in planning determinations under the Planning Acts (as defined in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) and any other relevant planning decision in relation to the SPD Sites. However, at the date of adoption of this SPD the EMF IDP will not yet have been issued for public consultation, published or endorsed by the Council, and therefore the detail of the strategic infrastructure required will not have been established. The SPD includes a statement that until such time as the EMF IDP has been published and endorsed by the Council, following public consultation, only limited weight should be given to the SPD as a material planning consideration by the Council, though the "in principle" need for pooled contributions set out in the SPD (which may include works in kind in accordance with the SPD) in relation to Strategic Infrastructure has been established by the SPD at the date of adoption and carries weight as a material planning consideration from the date of adoption. This is relevant to the Council and other Local Planning Authorities' application of Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which provides that in determining planning applications the determination must be made in accordance with the development

plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

As referred to above at paragraph 1.6, adoption of the SPD cannot be deferred beyond 30 June 2026 and it is therefore not recommended that adoption of the SPD be delayed until the EMF IDP has been prepared. Beyond 30 June 2026, as part of the move towards a new plan-making system, it is envisaged that Supplementary Plans will be prepared and adopted by local planning authorities in place of SPDs. However, it is not yet clear that Supplementary Plans can be prepared pursuant to existing adopted plans or emerging 'old-style' local plans (such as the Council's emerging local plan will be) and in addition Supplementary Plans will be subject to a different adoption process, including independent public examination. On the basis that it is clear that there is a need for pooled contributions towards certain strategic transport infrastructure, amongst other things, it is recommended that the SPD be adopted now, with the weight to be given to the SPD as a whole as a material planning consideration being adjusted pre- and post- endorsement of the EMF IDP by the Council as set out in paragraph 3.3 above.

Yours sincerely,



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