

**DECISION RECORD SHEETS**

**FOR**

**DECISIONS MADE AT THE**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 2023**

**DECISION SHEET****ACTION BY****118. Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Lindsay Ferris declared a personal interest in agenda item 122: Twyford Neighbourhood Plan, as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group prior to becoming an Executive Member. He advised that he would leave the meeting room during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Stephen Conway declared a personal interest in agenda item 122: Twyford Neighbourhood Plan, as he had been involved in working on the Neighbourhood Plan prior to joining the Council as an elected member in 2018. Given that a number of years had passed since his involvement, he would remain present for the consideration of this item.

## DECISION SHEET

## ACTION BY

### 122. Twyford Neighbourhood Plan

Director, Place and Growth -  
Simon Dale

## DECISION

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Councillor Lindsay Ferris left the meeting room for the consideration of this item.

## RESOLVED that the Executive:

- i) Accepted the modifications recommended by the Independent Examination into the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan (as set out in Enclosure 1) and for the modified plan to proceed to referendum;
- ii) Agreed that the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan, as modified in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Examiner, meets the basic conditions and complies with the provisions of Paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011);
- iii) Agreed to publish the 'Decision Statement' as set out at Enclosure 2 of the report;
- iv) Authorised the Director of Place and Growth, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Local Plan, to agree minor factual and consequential modifications necessary to the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan, the Decision Statement, and other supporting documents prior to the referendum;
- v) Agreed the referendum be organised and conducted in the Twyford neighbourhood area. The Executive were keen to facilitate and support the progress of this neighbourhood plan. It was noted that the cost of the referendum would be covered by government grant.

## Reason for Decision

The report considers the findings of the examination of the submission Twyford Neighbourhood Plan, the modifications recommended by the Independent Examiner and if those modifications are accepted, seeks approval for the plan to progress to a public vote at referendum.

The Twyford Neighbourhood Plan, prepared by Twyford Parish Council, if made (adopted) will become part of the development plan and be used alongside the Wokingham Borough Council's local plans to guide decisions on planning applications.

**Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision**

None.

**Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member**

As detailed above.

**Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest**

None.

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## ACTION BY

### **123. Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan - Submission Consultation and Future Examination**

Director, Place and Growth -  
Simon Dale

## DECISION

**RESOLVED** that the Executive:

- i) approved a six week consultation on the draft Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan (Enclosure 1: Ruscombe Draft Neighbourhood Plan); and supporting information.
- ii) agreed to appoint an examiner to independently examine the draft Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan, delegating the appointment and submission of the examination documentation to the Director of Place and Growth in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and Local Plan.

## Reason for Decision

This report seeks approval to consult on the updated draft Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan submitted by Ruscombe Parish Council in March 2023, and to procure an independent examiner who will subsequently examine the updated draft Plan. The examination will consider all representations submitted during the proposed consultation. Consultation and examination are requirements of the regulations governing neighbourhood plan preparation.

The Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan, prepared by Ruscombe Parish Council, if adopted in due course, will become part of the development plan and be used alongside the Wokingham Borough Council's local plans to guide decisions on planning applications.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision**

None.

### **Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member**

None.

### **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest**

None.

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