

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY AN OFFICER

Decision Maker	Decision type	Date
Assistant Director Legal Assistant Director, Planning and Transport	Officer Decision	14 May 2015

Designation of Standish Voice as a Neighbourhood Forum, in order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Standish

Decision(s)

That Standish Voice be designated as the Neighbourhood Forum for the Standish Neighbourhood Area, in order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Standish, having clarified the governance of the Forum (appointment and replacement of members, length of appointments), in consultation with the Executive Leader, as delegated by Cabinet on 23 April 2015.

Exempt/Confidential report	No	
Key Decision	Yes	

Reasons for Decision(s)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

The decision is in line with the recommendation to Cabinet and the delegation therefrom. In respect of the matter delegated, under Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a local planning authority may withdraw an organisation's designation as a neighbourhood forum if they consider that the organisation is no longer meeting the conditions by reference to which it was designated or any other criteria to which the Council is required to have regard in making the designation.

Alternative Options Considered

The alternative options would be to not designate Standish Voice as the Neighbourhood Forum for the Area, for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. However, no overriding reasons have been raised or better alternatives proposed within the confines of the legislation, so there is no reason not to proceed with the designation as recommended, in line with that legislation. This includes a new statutory time limit for the council to determine the proposals within 13 weeks from the commencement of the publicity on 12 February, the deadline thereby being 14 May 2015.

Please give details of any interests declared by relevant officers and any dispensations granted by the Head of Paid Service.

None

The Officer has advised that pursuant to the Call-in procedures the Mayor had agreed that the issue could be regarded as urgent in that the interest of the Council could be prejudiced by delaying the implementation of the proposals. The Officer confirmed that, under the Call-in Procedure Rules, the decision in this item was urgent.

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