


Record of individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Cllr David Rouane
Key decision?	No
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Marybeth Harasz, Garden Communities Manager
Officer contact details	Tel: 01235 422473 Email: marybeth.harasz@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	To accept the award of £100,000 revenue funding for Didcot Garden Town from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), and; in accordance with the council's Financial Procedure Rules in relation to receiving government grant outside of the usual budget setting cycle for which no budget exists, to request the chief finance officer, in consultation with the leader of the council and the chief executive, to use the grant to increase the Didcot Garden Town revenue budget (AH03).
Reasons for decision	<p>Accepting the £100,000 revenue funding will support delivery of Didcot Garden Town as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advancing the strategies of connected green space, cultural communities, inspired green living and a network of public transportation, cycling and walking links to key employers at Culham Science Centre, Harwell Campus and Milton Park; and • salaries, consultant expenses and costs to implement the Delivery Plan. <p>Accepting the £100,000 capacity funding and moving ahead with projects may attract further funding from the government for capital funding to implement the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan strategies. South Oxfordshire will act on behalf of South and Vale as the accountable body for the revenue funding, which was deposited into their bank account by Homes England. The project is a joint project and funding will be managed in a way that benefits the Didcot Garden Town, which lies within both South and Vale.</p>
Alternative options	The council could choose not to accept the funding. Under

rejected	this scenario, it is unlikely that Homes England would offer the council the opportunity to bid for annual funding under the Garden Communities programme. Without this funding the continuation of the Didcot Garden Town work would need to be funded from elsewhere.			
Legal implications	The funding has been granted under S31 of the Local Government Act 2003 and it is to support South Oxfordshire District Council towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred. Homes England (MHCLG) will monitor how the funding has been used to progress the project through regular contact with South Oxfordshire District Council officers.			
Financial implications	<p>South Oxfordshire District Council's Constitution, states that receipt of a government grant, even one over £75,000, is excluded from the definition of a key decision. The receipt has been placed in an earmarked reserve for Didcot Garden Town.</p> <p>Acceptance of the receipt will not commit the council to any other additional unbudgeted expenditure over and above the £100,000 receipt.</p>			
Other implications	n/a			
Background papers considered	n/a			
Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?				
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	South ward councillors	Sam Casey-Rerhaye Victoria Haval Simon Hewerdine Mocky Khan Axel Macdonald Jane Murphy David Rouane Ian Snowden Alan Thompson Anne-Marie Simpson Celia Wilson	No comments	6 May 2020
	Vale ward councillors	Matthew Barber Andy Cooke Hayleigh Gascoigne Sarah Medley Judy Roberts Janet Shelley Richard Webber	No comments	28 May 2020
	Legal	Pat Connell	Legal implications approved	21-04-2020
	Finance	Maggie Xu	Approved	28/4/2020

	Human resources	N/A		
	Sustainability	N/A		
	Diversity and equality	Heather Saunders	No comments	20-04-2020
	Communications	Emma East	Approved	21-04-2020
	Senior Management Team			
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	No			
Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?	Yes, the cabinet member for Didcot Garden Town supports the proposals within the report.			
Cabinet portfolio holder's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature  Date <u>8/7/2020</u>			

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