

## DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	Statement of common ground with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Officer Requesting Decision	Neil Holly, Development Strategy Manager
Officer Making the Decision	Nicola Smith, Chief Officer Growth and Investment
Authority for Decision	Scheme of delegation para 2.5 “Each chief officer is authorised to do the following: (a) Take any action on matters relating to the day-to-day administration of services within their remit including the issuing of all notices, licences, orders and other legal action as appropriate.”
Recommendation	Chief Officer for Growth and Investment sign the statement of common ground with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council following consultation with the portfolio holder.
Alternatives considered and rejected	<p>(1) Not signing the statement of common ground. If the authority does not sign the SOCG then it would create a risk that we would be seen as not complying with the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>(2) Reporting the signing of the statement of common ground to cabinet. This is considered disproportionate at this stage as the matters covered in the SOCG are technical in their nature.</p>
Decision	The Chief Officer for Growth and Investment sign the statement of common ground following consultation with the portfolio holder.
Reason	Nuneaton and Bedworth BC (NBBC) are about to submit their local plan for examination in public. NBBC needs to demonstrate that it has cooperated with neighbouring authorities, included RBC, to maximise the effectiveness of plan making for strategic issues with cross border implications. To do this NBBC have prepared a statement of common ground (SOCG) setting out

	<p>agreed matters and matters on which there is not yet agreement. The SOCG is appended to this delegated decision.</p> <p>The matters on which there are not yet agreement are technical and concern how employment land provided under the NBBC Local Plan are counted towards meeting sub-regional Coventry and Warwickshire need for strategic B8 floorspace.</p> <p>The SOCG makes clear that RBC has not yet determined its own approach to housing and employment land needs.</p> <p>The SOCG is considered technical in nature at this stage and so suitable for signature by the chief officer under the scheme of delegation. This mirrors the approach taken by NBBC whose signatory to the SOCG is their assistant director.</p>
Date	6 February 2024
Background Papers	Statement of common ground with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.
Decision record kept until	3 years
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Signed..........

Dated.....07/02/2024.....