

## DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	Duty to Cooperate statement of common ground with Coventry City Council
Officer Requesting Decision	Development Strategy Manager
Officer Making the Decision	Chief Officer for Growth and Investment
Authority for Decision	2B scheme of delegation to officers at 2.12 delegates to the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment the authority to “(b) Respond to consultations from adjoining or other sub-regional authorities / external bodies”
Recommendation	That the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment’s signature is appended to the duty to cooperate statement of common ground.
Alternatives considered and rejected	Not signing the statement of common ground. This would not accord with the legal duty to cooperate and could lead to reciprocal action by Coventry City Council creating a risk to RBC demonstrating compliance with the duty in relation to its own plan
Decision	As per the recommendation.
Reason	Local authorities are under a legal duty to cooperate to ensure the effectiveness of planning in relation to cross-boundary matters. The NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance make clear this should be documented through statements of common ground. The draft statement of common ground provided by Coventry City Council was reviewed and amended by RBC officers. It records the current position in relation to cross boundary issues including unmet employment need from CCC and unmet need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation from RBC.
Date	06.10.2025
Background Papers	CCC SoCG Rugby Signed CCC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2025

Decision record kept until	6 years
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Dated.....06.10.2025.....