

**KEY DECISION NOT INCLUDED IN THE FORWARD PLAN
(GENERAL EXCEPTION RULE 15)**

The following information must be provided for the general exception rule to apply

- Clear reasons why it is impractical to defer the decision until it has been included in the next Forward Plan; and
- Confirmation that the Chief Executive has informed the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- 3 clear days have elapsed since that notification was given.

Date	1/9/25
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Details of Decision to be taken:

To engage Caulmert to conduct RIBA Stage 4 works on the Futures Park Waste Transfer Station design.

Clear Reasons why it is impractical to defer the decision until it has been included in the next Forward Plan:

Given the scale of investment and tight timescales proposed in building a Waste Transfer Station and the potential budget savings, once in operation it is essential that the project is comprehensively designed without delay. This will deliver maximum benefit and minimise the risk of permitting issues through the project.

The current arrangements for disposal of Residual Waste at Whinney Hill come to an end on in April 2026, the monthly additional cost of interim transfer arrangements is approximately £120,000 and as such any delays to the build programme incur significant additional costs for the Council and be a detriment to the project timescales.

The total cost of RIBA stage 4 is £211,585 whilst the monthly additional costs of transferring waste to Farrington are £120,000 – overlapping Planning and RIBA has the potential to save £360,000 and significantly speed up the build programme.

Decision Taker: Cabinet

Portfolio Holder and Date Consulted: Councillor Lythgoe – 1 September 2025

Proposed Consultees and Method(s) of Consultation: Cabinet and Corporate Management Team

Documents to be considered by the decision taker: Report

Status – For Publication

Date the Chief Executive informed the Chair of the Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 3rd September 2025

Where the above cannot be satisfied, the date on which written notice was given to all members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

NOTES

Status - Is the issue an open and public matter or is it a private and excluded matter as described in Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972. If it is an open matter it is for publication. If it is a private matter it is not for publication and you state the reason why and the appropriate paragraph number of Schedule 12A details of which are in this part of the General Folder.

1. **A Key Decision means an executive decision which is likely:**
 - a) to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are significant having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
 - b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising of two or more Wards in the Borough.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, the Council would regard any of the following as 'significant':
 - Any decision by the Cabinet in the course of developing proposals to the full Council to amend the policy framework.
 - Any single item of in-budget expenditure or savings in excess of £100,000.
 - Any decision which is likely to have a permanent or long term (more than 5 years) effect on the Council and the Borough.
3. When the decision has been made and the form signed by the decision taker and the portfolio holder the form should be sent to the Committee and Member Services Manager

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