

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY AN OFFICER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Emma Barton, Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth	Administrative Decision	18 July 2022

Rocher Vale Regionally Important Geodiversity Site

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision ¹		No

Decision (s) ²

To designate the part of the Rocher Vale Regionally Important Geodiversity Site that is within Oldham. The advantage of this option is to give the site local planning policy protection regarding geodiversity and will aid enjoyment of the Green Belt.

Reasons for the decision(s)³

A notification of the RIGS was received from the Greater Manchester RIGS group via Greater Manchester Ecology Unit.

The GeoConservation UK site explains that RIGS are important as an educational, historical and recreational resource.

¹ If the decision is Key Please use Key Decision Template.

² Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding on the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or exempt information. Please include proposed timescales for commencement and / or completion of implementation as appropriate.

³ Reasons for the decision must be given.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing sites of geological value.

Options/Alternatives considered ⁴

Option 1 - To designate the part of the Rocher Vale Regionally Important Geodiversity Site that is within Oldham. The advantage of this option is to give the site planning policy protection regarding geodiversity and will aid enjoyment of the Green Belt. There are no known disadvantages to this option.

Option 2 – To not designate the part of the Rocher Vale Regionally Important Geodiversity Site that is within Oldham. There are no advantages, non-designation would mean the site remains being designated as Green Belt alone. The disadvantages are that the site will have less planning policy protection in relation to geodiversity and will not provide an opportunity to enhance the Green Belt. In addition, as this is a cross boundary designation it will not be consistent with the intentions of Tameside Council.

Conflict of Interest declared⁵ None



(Signature of Executive Director, for Place & Economic Growth)

Decision made pursuant to:

- a) General delegation under the Council's officer scheme of delegation. Non-contract decisions up to £250k.**

⁴ Options must be given.

⁵ If none, please state none. No Member having a disclosable pecuniary interest or officer having an interest in any matter (whether pecuniary or otherwise required to be declared) should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here. Any dispensation in place in relation to the matter should also be recorded here. This may include other elected Members, officers, stakeholders and the local community.



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