

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	01 October 2025
Decision Makers (Officers):	Gary Guiver
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Concurrence has been obtained in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning, Cllr. A Baker.
Ward Member(s) consulted?	Ward Members have not been formally consulted on TDCs response to the North Falls and Five Estuaries joint design guide public consultation itself. However, engagement with affected Members has been ongoing throughout the joint design guide public consultation exercise and will continue.
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	For TDC to submit a thorough and detailed response to the North Falls and Five Estuaries joint design guide public consultation documentation and questions. In summary TDC raises issues in a number of areas specifically the perceived lack of cohesion, ambition, and ecological depth in design matters—treating substations as isolated projects with weak biodiversity plans, in places uninspired landscaping, fragmented

	infrastructure strategy, and missed opportunities for sustainable innovation and genuine and meaningful community engagement.	
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	See TDCs response to the consultation material which is included	
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	None	
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	The decision to submit a representation has no direct impacts on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	1. The only other option is to not submit a response/not engage with the design guide consultation. This would reduce the Council's ability to influence design and landscape matters and also reduce the Council's ability to represent the concerns of its residents who are most directly and significant affected by the proposals.	
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	N/A	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u>	X	Not applicable – TDCs response on the joint design guide consultation will be circulated and relevant ward councillors, affected parishes and may even be available to view on public platforms such as the North Falls and Five Estuaries websites
		If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:
		N/A

<i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>		

Officers

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Dated: 01 October 2025