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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Name of Cabinet Member:

Councillor Richard Nicholson

Relevant Portfolio:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning Services

Date of Decision:

Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Subject:

Adopt Revised Housing Assistance and Disability Adaptations Policy 2014-2016

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

In order for the council to offer financial assistance to homeowners in the district a policy is required under Article 4 of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002. The council has a policy that was adopted in 2003 and last revised in 2009. The attached policy represents a refresh of the current document to cover current priorities.

Decision made:

1. Adopted the policy and provide delegated authority to the Head of Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to develop further grant and loan schemes within the scope of this policy.

Reasons for decision:

To allow Thanet DC to offer discretionary financial assistance to homeowners.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

To make amendments to the policy and then adopt. – no additional comments have been received;

To keep the existing policy from 2009 – the current policy is out of date and does not cover disabled adaptations.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

Author of Officer report:

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Background papers

Cabinet Adopt revised Housing Assistance and Adaptations policy January 2015 v3
Annex 1 - Housing Assistance and Disabled Adaptations Policy
Annex 2 - Consultation Feedback Housing Assistance Policy Oct 2014
Annex 3 - EIA Full Housing assistance update

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None

Last date for call in: 28 January 2015