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THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Relevant Portfolio:	Regeneration Services		
Date of Decision:	02 December 2009		
Subject:	Annual Monitoring Report - Local Development Framework		
Key Decision	No	In Forward Plan	No

Brief summary of matter:

The report outlined the content of the Annual Monitoring Report on the Local Development Framework, and recommended that it be agreed for submission to the Secretary of State by the required date (31 December 2009).

Decision made:

Cabinet agrees the Annual Monitoring Report (as set out at Annex 1 to the report) for submission to the Secretary of State.

Reasons for decision:

The Council is required (by the Planning and Compensation Act 2004) to make an Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State by 31 December each year). Failure to submit a sound and robust Annual Monitoring Report would concern the Secretary of State and question the integrity of the Planning Service. Having a robust AMR in place could also reduce the chance of legal challenge in respect of individual planning decisions.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

(i) Agree the submission of the AMR to the Secretary of State.

Or

(ii) Advise officers what changes would be needed before the AMR can be submitted to the Secretary of State.

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 and date of Officer report:

Colin Fitt, Strategic Planning Manager 2 December 2009

Background papers

Annual Monitoring Report - Report

Annex 1 Thanet Local Development Framework – Annual Monitoring Report

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

N/A

Last date for call in: 15 December 2009

Relevant Portfolio: Regeneration Services

Date of Decision: 02 December 2009

Subject: 'Looking after our Town Centres' - criteria for allocation of funding

Key Decision No In Forward Plan No

Brief summary of matter:

The report set out the background to the receipt of £52,631.58 to be spent on town centre regeneration. The report, on the basis of ongoing dialogue with traders, recommended how the money could be spent.

Decision made:

Amended recommendation moved by Councillor Latchford, seconded by Councillor Wise and resolved that;

"Not for profit" be deleted from 3.2 of the report and

That Cabinet agrees the suggested allocation of the £52,631.58 in order that officers develop a detailed Action Plan, to be agreed by the Portfolio Holder before implementation".

Reasons for decision:

This is a national initiative which is in line with the Council's Corporate Plan priority; Theme 1, Thanet's Economy – Thriving Coastal Towns with Unique Identities.

Each option will require the risks to be assessed and managed through the detailed delivery plan.

If the Officer's report was not followed an alternative route of spending the funding should be sought, taking into account the consultation completed to date and within the required timescales.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

None detailed in the report.

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 and date of Officer report:

Brian White, Director of Regeneration 2 December 2009

Background papers

Empty Shops Funding Grant - Report

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

N/A

Last date for call in: 15 Dec 2009

Relevant Portfolio: Councillor Shirley Tomlinson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Date of Decision: 02 December 2009

Subject: Sports, active recreation and facilities plans, sports strategy

Key Decision Yes In Forward Plan Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Laying out a programme of actions for the Council and its sports partners based upon objective estimates of need. The primary aim is to encourage participation for social and health purposes.

Decision made:

Amended recommendation moved by Councillor Mrs Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor Wise and resolved that;

Cabinet **recommends to Council** that the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy is adopted as drafted, to allow the range of actions set out in the strategy to be taken forward.

Cabinet **recommends to Council** agreement to the principles of the format, recommendations, strategic planning methods and vision set out in the draft Sports Facilities Improvement Plan and, subject to further consultation with key stakeholders, permit delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services to agree

updates to the document as required in discussion with the Director of Environmental Services.

Reasons for decision:

The draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (Annex 1 of the report) sets out the Council's vision, themes and objectives for the sport and leisure it provides over the next three years. The strategy is one of a number of key strategic documents to support the delivery of the Corporate Plan and is response to the healthy communities section.

The document will replace the previously agreed Sports Strategy for Thanet 1999 - 2002.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

None detailed in the report.

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 and date of Officer report:

Mark Seed, Director of Environmental Services 2 December 2009

Background papers

Sport and Active Recreation Strategy - Report

Annex 1 Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2010-2013

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

N/A

Last date for call in: 15 Dec 2009

Relevant Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Environmental Services,
Councillor Shirley Tomlinson

Date of Decision: 02 December 2009

Subject: Future of pay per minute linear parking trial
undertaken in town centre and shopping areas across
Thanet

Key Decision No In Forward Plan Yes

Brief summary of matter:

To consider the results of the Linear Parking charge trial undertaken in town centres

and shopping areas in Thanet to assess whether the arrangements to pay for parking by the minute should be made permanent.

Decision made:

The linear parking charge trial and analysis of results be extended to March 2010.

Reasons for decision:

Parking is a significant factor for local people and has to be managed in such a way as to assist local businesses and demand management in town centres, whilst still reflecting an important source of income for the Council in support of other services.

The Council responded to concerns from local businesses that the parking charge regime in place across the district was potentially disadvantageous and could be improved by introducing a linear parking charge regime that did not discourage shorter stays. The system of paying in much smaller bands introduced by the Council sought to deal with this issue, whilst still trying to keep parking income at a reasonable level.

The results of this so far do not indicate a strong connection between the method of charging and its price in comparison to usage levels. This clearly has implications for the future consideration of charging strategies as these could easily lose the parking account significant sums of money and have no impact on retail activity.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The main options were as follows;

- Cease the linear parking charge trial
- Extend the trial
- Retain the current areas for further analysis

It was proposed to take forward the latter of these options until March 2010 to allow a longer period of figures to be assessed. Ceasing the trial seems unnecessary at this stage as there appears to be a reasonable balance between income from the 2 systems being compared, and the period for analysis is relatively short. However, conversely as the linear parking charge systems is currently not conferring any significant benefits there appears to be little need to extend the areas being covered.

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 and date of Officer report:

Mark Seed, Director of Environmental Services 2 December 2009

Background papers

Linear Parking Report Cabinet Dec 2009

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

N/A

Last date for call in: 15 Dec 2009

Relevant Portfolio: Customer Services and Business Transformation

Date of Decision: 02 December 2009

Subject: Income and Debt Write Off

Key Decision No In Forward Plan No

Brief summary of matter:

The confidential report detailed individual irrecoverable debts.

Decision made:

That the report be noted and the write off approved.

Reasons for decision:

As detailed in the confidential report.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

None.

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 and date of Officer report:

Donna Reed, Director of Customer Services & Business Transformation 2 December 2009

Background papers

Income and Debt Write Off Report - Confidential

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

N/A

Last date for call in: 15 Dec 2009

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