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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Relevant Portfolio:

Community Services

Date of Decision:

17 June 2010

Subject:

Community Partnerships

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

At the end of the financial year 2008/09 Cabinet adopted the Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) scheme as a support mechanism for the third sector in Thanet for 2009/10. This replaced the small grants scheme. The pilot year for CPAs has now ended and although this scheme has, currently, been continued into 2010/11, Cabinet are asked to decide if they wish for the scheme to continue in its current form, or whether there is another preferred method for supporting the third sector organisations in the District.

Decision made:

That the Community Partnership Agreement programme remains in place for the year 2010/11 with the same budget as for 2009/10. A report will be provided at the end of the financial year 2010/11 to give details on improvement in the take up of the scheme by the third sector and efficiency of the scheme due to officer time constraints.

Reasons for decision:

The format used last year was on a pilot basis. There is a need Cabinet to decide whether they want to continue with the current format or change it.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

There would be a need for a financially centred Community Grants Policy to be written and consulted on with the third sector over a twelve week period as there is not a policy currently in place.

An entirely new scheme for supporting the third sector in Thanet is devised and consulted upon with the third sector.

Any support for the third sector through funding or funding in kind is stopped.

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:

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Background papers

Community Partnership Agreements - Pilot Year Review and 2010-11 Decision Report
Consultation Results Report

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

N/A

Last date for call in: 25 June 2010