

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Name of Cabinet Member:

Councillor Rick Everitt

Relevant Portfolio:

Financial Services and Estates

Date of Decision:

Thursday, 13 November 2014

Subject:

Council Tax - Empty Homes Premium

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Proposals to consult on introducing a Council Tax empty homes premium from 1 April 2015. This will result in council tax of 150 per cent being charged for properties that have been empty and unfurnished for more than two years.

Decision made:

Cabinet approved going out to consultation for a month on introducing a "long term empty" premium for Council Tax. A report will be produced at the end of the period setting out the results and recommended next steps.

Reasons for decision:

To enable consultation to take place on the introduction of A Council Tax Empty Homes premium. This could result in 150% Council Tax being charged on empty unfurnished properties, which could generate up to £140,000 in additional Council Tax.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

None considered.

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:

Andrew Stevens, Assistant Director, EK Shared Services

Background papers

Council Tax - Empty Homes Premium

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

None

Last date for call in:

24 November 2014