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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Name of Cabinet Member: Councillor Lin Fairbrass, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Services

Relevant Portfolio: Community Services

Date of Decision: 30 July 2015

Subject: Selective Licensing in Cliftonville West and Margate Central

Key Decision No In Forward Plan Yes

Brief summary of matter:

The council's existing selective licensing designation in Margate is due to expire on 20 April 2016. This report seeks the agreement of Cabinet to undertake a public consultation with a view to exploring the possibility of making a further five-year designation.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To undertake a public consultation with a view to potentially designating the area shown in Annex 2 (to the Cabinet report) for the purposes of selective licensing. This proposal is set out in option 2 of the report and relates to an area that is substantially similar to that already designated;
- (ii) To Authorise officers to undertake a 10 week public consultation beginning on 17 August 2015 that sets out the proposal and seeks views;
- (iii) To receive a further report in early January 2016 following the public consultation to determine whether a selective licensing designation should be made.

Reasons for decision:

1. The current selective licensing scheme in Cliftonville West and Margate Central has had a positive impact in the designated area.
2. The current scheme comes to an end on 20 April 2016.
3. The Housing Act 2004 does not provide for an existing selective licensing designation to be extended, but instead require a wholly new designation to be considered. Any new designation is subject to public consultation.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The following options were considered:

1. Do nothing
2. Undertake public consultation with a view to designating an area that is substantially similar to the current designation. Undertake public consultation with a view to designating an area that is substantially similar to the current designation.
3. Undertake public consultation with a view to designating the same area as the current designation.

Option 2 was agreed because:

1. It would enable a public consultation to be undertaken for a new designation with effect from 21 April 2016.
2. The consultations proposals would incorporate lessons from the current designation.
3. Dwellings that are proposed to be included within the consultation proposals for the first time display many of the same characteristics as those already in the currently designated area.

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

Selective Licensing in Cliftonville West and Margate Central Annex 1 - Draft Cabinet Report - Selective Licensing Annex 2

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

None

Last date for call in: 7 August 2015