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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Name of Cabinet Member:

Relevant Portfolio:

Date of Decision:

Subject:

Key Decision In Forward Plan

Brief summary of matter:

Council is responding to a petition on QEQM Hospital. The petitioners asked Council to 'vigorously oppose any plans by the East Kent Hospital Trust to downsize or end the provision of high quality Accident and Emergency services at the QEQM hospital at Margate.'

After a full debate Council on 16 July 2015, Members agreed 'To refer the petition to Cabinet and recommend that Cabinet set up a Cabinet Advisory Group which would consider the petition in tandem with other emerging proposals from the East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT).

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed the following:

1. That as per the recommendation of Full Council; establish the QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group;
2. To set the membership at 8 Councillors;
3. That Representation on the CAG to be made up of 4 UKIP; 2 Conservative; 1 Labour; 1 Democratic Independent Group (DIG);
4. The draft terms of reference as set out in Annex 2 of the Cabinet report.

Reasons for decision:

It is anticipated that towards the end of this year EKHUFT would be putting in the public domain information relating to their proposed review of A&E services at QEQM Hospital. Cabinet needs to set up a Cabinet Advisory Group to assist inform a Cabinet view to any such proposed re-organisation if a public consultation is going to be undertaken by EKHUFT.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Not to set up a cabinet advisory group. However this option was rejected because Thanet District Council ought to respond to a public consultation in cases where issues of interest to the district are being considered. In so doing the executive ought to agree a view from an informed position.

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

QEQM Petition - Council Referral to Cabinet Petition - A&E QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group Terms of Reference for 2015

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

None

Last date for call in: 2 November 2015