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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Name of Cabinet Member:	Councillor Lin Fairbrass,		
Relevant Portfolio	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Services		
Date of Decision:	19 January 2016		
Subject:	Selective Licensing in Cliftonville West and Margate Central		
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	In Forward Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Brief summary of matter:

The council's existing selective licensing designation, which applies to certain parts of Cliftonville West and Margate Central, is due to expire on 20 April 2016. Cabinet considered a proposal to make a further five-year selective licensing designation in respect of a substantially similar area. A selective licensing designation requires all private landlords to obtain a licence and effectively manage their properties.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To make a further selective licensing designation in respect of certain parts of Cliftonville West and Margate Central as set out in the annexed proposal document;
- (ii) To delegate the implementation and enforcement arrangements for the designation to the Director of Community Services.

Reasons for decision:

The area concerned suffers from a wide range of problems. While much has already been achieved through selective licensing, it is clear that the initial five-year designation will not provide enough time in which to effect long-lasting change in the area.

The new designation was proposed because the area continues to be an area of low housing demand which suffers from poor housing conditions and high levels of deprivation, crime and anti-social behaviour. Cabinet made the designation as it is expected to contribute to:

1. An improvement in the social and economic conditions in the area;
2. A reduction in anti-social behaviour;
3. An improvement in general housing conditions;
4. A reduction in the level of deprivation; and
5. A reduction in crime.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Cabinet considered the option of taking no further action in respect of selective licensing and rejected the option, as it determined that failing to make a further designation would be detrimental to community regeneration in Margate.

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

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Background papers

Cabinet Report - Selective Licensing - 19 Jan 2016 (CMT) Annex 1 - Selective Licensing Proposal 2016-21

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

The decision on 'Selective Licensing in Cliftonville West and Margate Central' is Urgent and therefore should be exempt from call-in by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel. The decision is Urgent because, Cabinet having made a decision to designate must, owing to statutory requirements, confirm that decision on or before 20 January 2016 if a continuous selective licensing scheme is to be achieved. Calling in the decision would delay the making of a designation and prejudice the Council's interest in particular and that of the public in general.

Last date for call in:

N/A