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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:

The petition presented to the Council on the 13th October, 2016 and then referred to Cabinet. Cabinet reiterated the position that was stated at Full Council which is that Council did not condone any form of hate crime, racial abuse or xenophobic behaviour. No-one should ever find themselves targeted by violence or hatred because of the colour of their skin, their religion, gender, sexuality or disability. Council does support the principles of the stand against hate campaign.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed to report back to Council that since through its actions, Council are already showing its opposition to racism, xenophobia and hate-crimes, the petition is unnecessary.

Reasons for decision:

Cabinet was reiterating the position that was made at Full Council in order to continue to maintain community cohesion in the district and inform the public that Council, working with community safety partners are committed to tackling hate crime. This has featured as one of the actions within the community safety plan for a number of years, and that includes initiatives such as SHARP (Stop Hate and Related Prejudice), Hate crime reporting line, and delivery of the PREVENT programme.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

Author of Officer report:

Background papers

Petition - Xenophobia

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

None

Last date for call in:

19 December 2016