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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor R. Bayford

Relevant Portfolio:

Leader of the Council

Date of Decision:

25 July 2019

Subject:

Broadstairs & St Peters Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Broadstairs & St Peters Town Council have prepared a draft neighbourhood plan. It was published and formally submitted to the Council and has subsequently been assessed by an independent Examiner. The Examiner's report has also been published. It supports the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, with some minor modifications, and recommends that it be subject to a referendum.

The Council has to issue a Decision Statement as to whether or not it accepts the recommendations in the Examiners report, and, if not, what actions would be necessary. The Council also has to consider whether the draft Plan meets the "basic conditions" for a Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is generally supported. There are however two minor areas, where the submitted Neighbourhood Plan does not meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework in relation to Local Green Space designations and are not in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area (as set out in the emerging Thanet Local Plan).

The two proposed Local Green Space sites (at Fairfield Road/Rumfields Road and Reading Street) were considered for inclusion in the draft Local Plan, but were not included as they do not meet the criteria in the National Planning Policy Framework. The approach in the draft Neighbourhood Plan therefore contradicts the position set out in the draft Local Plan.

It is proposed to modify the submitted St Peters and Broadstairs Neighbourhood Plan, by removing the Fairfield Road/ Rumfields Road and Reading Street Local Green Space designations, and to consult on those modifications.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed that the draft Neighbourhood Plan be modified as set out in the cabinet report, and that the proposed modifications be the subject of public consultation for a period of six weeks.

Reasons for decision:

To meet the "basic conditions" required in Neighbourhood Plans.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Option 2 (not Recommended) - that the Proposed modifications are not taken forward. This could potentially leave the decision open to Judicial Review, if it is considered that the proposed modifications are necessary to ensure that the draft Plan meets the "basic conditions".

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

Councillor Bayford, Leader of Council declared a significant interest and recused himself from the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Author of Officer report:

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Background papers

Broadstairs & St Peters Draft Neighbourhood Plan

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

None

Last date for call in: 6 August 2019