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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Helen Whitehead

Relevant Portfolio:

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods

Date of Decision:

16 December 2019

Subject:

Draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2020 -2025

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

The report considered the draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy which presents the housing challenges faced by the council, our partners and local residents in Thanet. It is thematic and action focused and provides a framework for decision making about future investment in all forms of housing and provides for a commitment to unlock the supply of new homes, including building more council homes.

Decision made:

The draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2020-2025, attached at annex 1, be approved for public consultation.

Reasons for decision:

To deliver a housing service which commits to four thematic priorities, which also fit with the ambitions for housing set out in the council's agreed Corporate Statement. These themes are: improving access to and supply of housing, improving housing standards and safety across all tenures, enhancing the health and wellbeing of all our residents and communities and preventing homelessness and tackling rough sleeping.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The Council considered the current housing strategy was out of date and the Homelessness Strategy was no longer fit for purpose, given it is a statutory requirement. To inform this strategy, detailed evidence based research was undertaken to inform the themes and priorities and draft a framework for all housing partners to work within in the district.

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 - 16_12_2019 - Draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy
Annex 1 - TDC Draft Housing & Homelessness Strategy
Annex 2 - Draft Housing Strategy EIA

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

None

Last date for call in: 3 January 2020