THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION OF INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Name of Cabinet Member:	Councillor Helen Whitehead
Relevant Portfolio:	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services
Date of Decision:	24 September 2020
Subject:	Payment of Community Led Housing Grant
Key Decision No	In Forward Plan No

Brief summary of matter:

Cabinet approved to offer grants of up to £10,000 to help community groups with up front costs e.g. specialist, professional advice needed to bring housing projects forward such as planning appraisals, financial feasibility appraisals and housing needs surveys etc. It was agreed that delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods.

The purpose of the Community Housing Fund is to enable and support community groups to create affordable housing to meet local housing needs. This can be new homes or empty homes brought back into use. These community groups are integrally involved in key decisions throughout the development process, and play a long term role in ownership and management of the homes.

An application for a grant from the Thanet Community Land Trust for £9952.00 has been received. They are proposing to purchase 12-20 Clifton Street, Margate and redevelop the site 'to help resolve the shortage of affordable long term rented accommodation in Margate to benefit local people'.

Decision made:

Approve the grant application from Thanet Community Land Trust for £9,952.00.

Reasons for decision:

This grant scheme was approved within the adoption of The Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy. This supports the Corporate Plan target to support communities.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

To refuse payment of the grant would stall the development of community led housing.

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

https://democracy.thanet.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=36897&PlanId=286&RPID=0

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

None

Last date for call-in:

8 October 2020