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Called in

Yes/No

**THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET**

Cabinet Member

Councillor Rob Yates

Relevant Portfolio:

Cabinet Member for Finance, Administration and Community Wealth Building

Date of Decision:

19 November 2020

Subject:

2020-21 Budget Strategy

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

The strategy to set the 2020-21 budget.

The strategy sets out the following for consideration:

- Service directors exemplify options for savings from controllable budgets.
- Management action is taken to address historic budgetary shortfalls, namely Property, Building Control, Land Charges, Coastal and Licensing.
- The replenishment of reserves be delayed until 2022-23.
- Allowance be provided for contractual inflation, but any other growth pressures be funded from within existing service budgets.
- The increase in council tax is anticipated in the Equalisation Reserve in 2020-21 by allocation of £200k from the Covid Shortfall reserve.

Decision made:

Cabinet approved the 2021-22 Budget Strategy.

Reasons for decision:

This is a key report in the 2021-22 budget setting process. Cabinet approval was needed for the strategy to set the 2021-22 budget and address the anticipated funding shortfall.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

No other alternatives considered.

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

Author of Officer report:

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Background papers

Budget Strategy 2021-22 - Cab 19 Nov 20 Final - Google Docs

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

None

Last date for call in: 3 December 2020