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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Ash Ashbee

Relevant Portfolio:

Leader of the Council

Date of Decision:

16 December 2021

Subject:

Revisions to the Local Development Scheme (LDS) -
Local Plan work programme

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Every local planning authority has to “prepare and maintain” a work programme for its Local Plan-related work, known as the Local Development Scheme (LDS). This is a requirement under the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The current LDS was agreed by Cabinet on 17 December 2020, following the review of the adopted Plan.

The report sets out proposed amendments to the work programme for updating the adopted Local Plan, and related documents.

This includes amendments to the timetable, and additional information about additional Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to be prepared alongside the Local Plan.

The key elements of the Local Development Scheme (the Local Plan work programme), including the proposed scope of the Local Plan Update are set out in the report.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed the proposals for the revised Local Development Scheme, as detailed in the Cabinet report.

Reasons for decision:

To meet the Council’s statutory requirements, and fulfil the requirements of the Secretary of State’s direction letter, dated 28 January 2019.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The only alternative would be to not agree the LDS. This would leave the Council without an up-to-date LDS, and no clear programme for updating the Local Plan. It would also mean that the Council would not fulfil the SoS Direction, and might leave the Council open to further intervention from the SoS. It would potentially have an impact on the Council’s reputation in relation to wider planning matters.

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

Cabinet report LDS revisions 2021

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

None

Last date for call in: 24 December 2021