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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Jill Bayford

Relevant Portfolio:

Cabinet Member for Housing

Date of Decision:

20 October 2022

Subject:

Environmental Protection Enforcement Policy
2022/2027

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

The existing enforcement policy used by the Environmental Protection Team has been updated to ensure compliance with current legislation and guidance; in line with our commitment to the principles of good enforcement outlined in the enforcement concordat.

The policy lays out how EH investigates complaints including priority of cases. The general policy relates to all enforcement actions and describes the basic principles of Enforcement. Guidance is provided on what is considered when making a decision on enforcement action. The policy also lays out the various types of enforcement action available to the local authority; and includes details on complaints and appeals available to those who are affected by enforcement decisions made by the local authority.

Decision made:

Cabinet approved Thanet District Council's Environmental Protection Enforcement Policy 2022-2027.

Reasons for decision:

To enable Environmental Protection officers to take enforcement decisions in line with current legislation and guidance; and in accordance with the principles of good enforcement. And to provide contemporary information to Thanet residents and businesses on the action available to the local authority to resolve complaints

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The option not to approve the updated policy was rejected because enforcement decisions being made may conflict with new legislation, guidance and powers available to officers.

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 - Environmental Protection Enforcement Policy - 2022-2027 - Google Docs
Annex 1 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2022-2027 - Google Docs

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

None

Last date for call in: 28 October 2022