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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing

Relevant Portfolio:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing

Date of Decision:

26 September 2024

Subject:

Purchase of 11 homes built by Vistry for temporary accommodation

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Cabinet approved the purchase 11 homes, constructed by Vistry, that will be used for temporary accommodation in the Thanet District.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed the following:

1. That the Council progresses with the acquisition of the 11 new affordable homes being built by developer Vistry, subject to the approval of the necessary adjustments to the general fund capital programme by the full Council on 10th October;
2. The letting of these homes will be in accordance with the Council's Temporary Accommodation Allocation Policy, approved by Cabinet in July 2024.

Reasons for decision:

Cabinet agreed to the purchase 11 homes, constructed by Vistry, to be used for temporary accommodation in the Thanet District. The accommodation is at Westwood Point This acquisition comprises four 2-bedroom properties and seven 3-bedroom properties. The report details how there is a demand for such accommodation, there is an identified need for this accommodation for households in Temporary Accommodation.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The Council could choose not to purchase the homes as these were not originally intended to be for temporary accommodation. However, this would represent a missed opportunity at a time when the Council has circa 300 households in temporary accommodation.

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 September 24 - Purchase of 11 Vistry homes for TA - Google Docs
FINAL Equality Impact Assessment - Purchase of 11 Vistry homes for Temporary
Accommodation

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

None

Last date for call in:

4 October 2024