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Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Panel Recommendations to Cabinet		
<p>At the Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 7 August 2012:</p> <p>Live Margate Housing Intervention Business Plan Proposed by Cllr Driver, seconded by Cllr Campbell and AGREED to recommend that Cabinet does not approve the business plan until Cabinet is satisfied that the business plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Includes clear delivery milestones; ii) Includes robust monitoring arrangements; iii) Includes a robust acquisition/procurement approach which will secure value for money in the market place; iv) Includes a clear displacement mitigation strategy; v) Includes a community consultation and engagement strategy; vi) Seeks to achieve a proportion of socially rented housing of 33%. 	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 23 August 2012:</p> <p>Live Margate Housing Intervention Business Plan Councillor D. Green moved, Councillor Johnston seconded and Members AGREED the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Business Plan and Financial Model for the Live Margate Housing Intervention Project subject to the provision of a project plan detailing milestones and monitoring of the Business Plan, the production of a Displacement Strategy and Community Engagement strategy; 2. To delegate authority to the Director of Community Services to deliver the Business Plan in consultation with the Portfolio Holder on strategic delivery of the Business Plan; 3. To authorise the Director of Community Services to explore the option for the Council to seek permission from the Secretary of State to become a member of the Homebuy Shared Ownership Scheme. 	<p>There is no requirement for a Council decision on the matter as this is an Executive function.</p>

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<p>At the Extraordinary Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 16 August 2012: 'CALL-IN' OF CABINET DECISION IN RELATION TO RAMSGATE ROYAL SANDS Councillor Harrison proposed, Councillor Bayford seconded and Members AGREED the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That before any final decision is made, external due diligence be undertaken and the report brought back to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel; 2. That the points (unanswered Questions/Queries) raised by Members of the Panel be responded to and the report authors be present when the external due diligence report is brought back to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel; 3. That the final decision is made by the Cabinet Member for Commercial Services, the Leader of the Council and the Officers. 	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 23 August 2012:</p> <p>REPORT BACK - 'CALL-IN' OF CABINET DECISION IN RELATION TO RAMSGATE ROYAL SANDS - OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL - 16 AUGUST 2012</p> <p>Councillor Poole moved, Councillor Fenner seconded and Members AGREED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As all the concerns expressed by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel have now been addressed, Cabinet confirms its decision taken on 26 July 2012. 	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>At the Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 23 October 2012:</p> <p>Localisation of Council Tax Discount Scheme</p> <p>Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor W. Scobie seconded and Members agreed to recommend to Cabinet Option 2 which is as detailed below:</p> <p>“Adopt the “Kent” CTRS, which is being consulted upon by the majority of the other Kent districts.”</p>	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 8 November 2012:</p> <p>Localisation of Council Tax Discount Scheme</p> <p>Councillor Everitt proposed, Councillor D. Green seconded and Members agreed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recommend to Council the adoption of the scheme as proposed in the consultation exercise and Option 2 which is as detailed below: <p>“Adopt the “Kent” CTRS, which is being consulted upon by the majority of the other Kent districts”.</p>	
<p>At the Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 23 October 2012:</p> <p>Statement of Gambling Policy</p> <p>Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor W. Scobie seconded and Members agreed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel recommend to Cabinet and Council that the Policy Statement should be adopted. 	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 8 November 2012:</p> <p>Statement of Gambling Policy</p> <p>Councillor Fenner proposed, Councillor D. Green seconded and Members agreed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recommend that Full Council adopt the Statement of Gambling Policy. 	

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<p>At the Extraordinary Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 20 December 2012:</p> <p>OSP Recommendations to Cabinet - Thanet Beaches Contamination Review</p> <p>Councillor Harrison proposed, Councillor W. Scobie seconded and Members agreed that:</p> <p>A. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL, SOUTHERN WATER AND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication: - Thanet District Council, Southern Water and Environment Agency should meet quarterly to look at the emergency response arrangements and ensure that these arrangements are appropriate and up to date; 2. In the event of an emergency, with regards to the initial contact between Thanet District Council and Southern Water; there should be confirmation of any communication between the agencies; so that if a telephone message is left, the call should be returned and if an email is sent, it should be replied to; 	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 22 January 2013:</p> <p>OSP Recommendations to Cabinet - Thanet Beaches Contamination Review</p> <p>Councillor Poole proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed the findings and subsequent recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel with an amendment for recommendation 16 as detailed below:</p> <p>A. AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL, SOUTHERN WATER AND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication: - Thanet District Council, Southern Water and Environment Agency should meet quarterly to look at the emergency response arrangements and ensure that these arrangements are appropriate and up to date; 2. In the event of an emergency, with regards to the initial contact between Thanet District Council and Southern Water; there should be confirmation of any communication between the agencies; so that if a telephone message is left, the call should be returned and if an email is sent, it should be replied to; 	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>3. There was a need to produce and adopt a Contingency Plan for the closure of Thanet Beaches which should be based on the best practice framework model for the South East Region to be developed by the Environment Agency;</p> <p>B. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL</p> <p>4. Compensation: - Cabinet be asked to lobby local MPs to amend the legislation that governs the water industry (particularly the sewer management sub-sector) so that in cases whereby flooding caused by the overwhelming of sewer systems it becomes the responsibility of water companies;</p> <p>5. Thanet District Council should be responsible for signage and dissemination of information during emergencies;</p> <p>6. Generic large signage boards (AO size) should be in store; ready to be deployed at strategic points of public access only to the beaches affected by the emergency event. The response to emergencies should be measured and appropriate and ensure that beaches not affected are not closed;</p>	<p>3. There was a need to produce and adopt a Contingency Plan for the closure of Thanet Beaches which should be based on the best practice framework model for the South East Region to be developed by the Environment Agency;</p> <p>B. AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL</p> <p>4. Compensation: - To lobby local MPs to amend the legislation that governs the water industry (particularly the sewer management sub-sector) so that in cases whereby flooding caused by the overwhelming of sewer systems it becomes the responsibility of water companies;</p> <p>5. Thanet District Council should be responsible for signage and dissemination of information during emergencies;</p> <p>6. Generic large signage boards (AO size) should be in store; ready to be deployed at strategic points of public access only to the beaches affected by the emergency event. The response to emergencies should be measured and appropriate and ensure that beaches not affected are not closed;</p>	

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<p>7. Social media (to include face book, twitter and local radio stations) should be used to alert the public about the contamination on the beaches;</p> <p>8. After the beaches have been cleaned, signage should be put up to let visitors and the public know that the beaches are now clean and open. Appropriate signage, including social media should be used to advertise that the beaches have been cleaned and are safe;</p> <p>9. Cabinet be asked to lobby local MPs to amend the legislation that governs the funding of the Environment Agency to enable them to carry out random sampling of bathing water on beaches during the off season (in winter);</p> <p>10. Cabinet be asked to lobby Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to provide extra funding for off-season sampling of bathing water on beaches;</p>	<p>7. Social media (to include face book, twitter and local radio stations) should be used to alert the public about the contamination on the beaches;</p> <p>8. After the beaches have been cleaned, signage should be put up to let visitors and the public know that the beaches are now clean and open. Appropriate signage, including social media should be used to advertise that the beaches have been cleaned and are safe;</p> <p>9. To lobby local MPs to amend the legislation that governs the funding of the Environment Agency to enable them to carry out random sampling of bathing water on beaches during the off season (in winter);</p> <p>10. To lobby Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to provide extra funding for off-season sampling of bathing water on beaches;</p>	

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<p>C. RECOMMENDATIONS TO SOUTHERN WATER</p> <p>11. The response time between alarm action and the physical presence of staff to an emergency site should be 20 minutes and Monitoring CCTV facility should be installed at strategic points at Foreness Point Pumping Station in order to enable early response to emergencies;</p> <p>12. After a prolonged period of drought, there should be more frequent jet washing of the sewer system particularly along known pinch points;</p> <p>13. Southern Water communication/compensation procedures should be more responsive and more sympathetic discretion should be used to compensate residents whose properties are affected by sewage flooding;</p> <p>14. In the event of future emergencies, an ad hoc 'Incident Dedicated Contact Point' for customers should be set up;</p>	<p>C. AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS TO SOUTHERN WATER</p> <p>11. The response time between alarm action and the physical presence of staff to an emergency site should be 20 minutes and Monitoring CCTV facility should be installed at strategic points at Foreness Point Pumping Station in order to enable early response to emergencies;</p> <p>12. After a prolonged period of drought, there should be more frequent jet washing of the sewer system particularly along known pinch points;</p> <p>13. Southern Water communication/compensation procedures should be more responsive and more sympathetic discretion should be used to compensate residents whose properties are affected by sewage flooding;</p> <p>14. In the event of future emergencies, an ad hoc 'Incident Dedicated Contact Point' for customers should be set up;</p>	

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<p>D. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENVIRONMENT AGENCY</p> <p>15. Request the Environment Agency to consider carrying out random water sampling on beaches in winter due to the increase in winter sports during the off-season.</p> <p>16. Request the Environment Agency to draft a best practice framework model for Contingency Plan for closure of beaches in emergencies.</p>	<p>D. AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENVIRONMENT AGENCY</p> <p>15. Request the Environment Agency to consider carrying out random water sampling on beaches in winter due to the increase in winter sports during the off-season;</p> <p>16. Thanet District Council work with the Environment Agency, other coastal Local Authorities, and partner organisations, to produce, agree and exercise a plan for marine & beach incident management response. This plan will provide a consistent framework for warning and informing people, businesses and others, with each organisation having a clearly defined set of remits and responsibilities.</p>	
<p>At the Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 15 January 2013:</p> <p>Allocations Policy</p> <p>Members agreed to recommend the draft Allocations Policy to Cabinet with the following additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clear Appeals Procedure; 2. Ensure medical grounds are comprehensive and include mental health; 	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 22 January 2013:</p> <p>Allocations Policy</p> <p>Councillor D. Green proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel comments of “Including and making clear that rent arrears and former tenancy debts apply to all social housing providers within or outside the Thanet area” be added into the consultation document; 	

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<p>3. Include that the rent arrears apply to all social housing providers within or outside the Thanet area.</p>	<p>2. That the Armed Forces Personnel Section of the proposed Allocations Policy be clarified further;</p> <p>3. The proposed Allocations Policy document and public consultation process.</p>	
<p>At the Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 15 January 2013:</p> <p>Housing Strategy 2012-2016</p> <p>Members agreed to recommend the proposed draft Housing Strategy to Cabinet.</p>	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 22 January 2013:</p> <p>Housing Strategy 2012-2016</p> <p>Councillor D. Green proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed:</p> <p>1. To recommend the strategy to Council for approval in February 2013.</p>	<p>At the Full Council meeting on 7 February 2013:</p> <p>Housing Strategy 2012-2016</p>