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**QUESTION NO. 6 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – “BEDROOM TAX”**

To: **Council – 18 April 2013**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **N/A**

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**Summary: Councillor D Green to receive a question from a member of the public in relation to the Pleasurama site, Ramsgate**

**For Decision**

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**1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1. Council Procedure Rule No. 13 governs the process for questions to be submitted by members of the public.
- 1.2 The following question, addressed to Councillor D Green, has been received from Mr Cris Johnson in accordance with that Rule.

“The recently introduced ‘Bedroom Tax’ will put financial pressure on some of those least able to meet the extra expense in Thanet.

“Will the Council commit to refusing to evict any residents if they are unable to meet this new expense?”

- 1.3 In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.7, the Chairman will, at the meeting of Council, invite the questioner to put their question to the Member named in the notice. If the questioner is not present, the question shall not be put and shall be answered in writing.
- 1.4 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.8, if the Member to whom the question is directed is present they will provide an oral answer. If that Member is not present, the question will be answered by the Leader or another Member nominated by the Leader for the purpose unless it is inappropriate for the Leader to give an oral answer or to nominate another Member to give an oral answer, in which case the question will be dealt with by a written answer.

**2.0 Corporate Implications**

**2.1 Financial**

- 2.1.1 None arising at this stage

**2.2 Legal**

- 2.2.1 None arising at this stage

## **2.3 Corporate**

2.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council. The total time devoted to all questions from members of the public cannot exceed 30 minutes.

## **2.4 Equity and Equalities**

2.4.1 None arising at this stage

## **3.0 Recommendation**

3.1 This report is for information purposes only.

## **4.0 Decision Making Process**

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### ***Annex List***

None	
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### ***Background Papers***

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
None	

### ***Corporate Consultation Undertaken***

Finance	n/a
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager and Monitoring Officer, ext 7005