

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

**THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET**

Cabinet Member:

Councillor D. Green

Relevant Portfolio:

Housing and Planning Services

Date of Decision:

29 May 2013

Subject:

Local Plan Consultation Document

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Thanet is producing a new Local Plan. This will form the Council's main planning policy document for the period to 2031, and will set out policies and proposals that will be used to guide decisions and investment on development and regeneration over the period to 2031. Public consultation on the new Local Plan is a statutory requirement and this decision considers whether to begin public consultation on the Issues and Options for the new Local Plan.

Decision made:

Cabinet approved the consultation document and agreed that public consultation takes place for 10 weeks.

Reasons for decision:

Public consultation is a statutory requirement when preparing a Local Plan. It is essential that we obtain early and meaningful engagement with the public and other key stakeholders in order to inform the Plan. The process and timetable for producing the Local Plan is set out in the Local Development Scheme, and this consultation forms part of that process.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Not to approve the consultation in the form set out in this report – Public consultation is a statutory requirement for producing a Local Plan and not agreeing to public consultation would result in the timetable in the Local Development Scheme not being met.

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

Chairman of Council Exemption Consent Letter  
Local Plan Issue and Options Consultation Cabinet Report FV  
Annex 1 - Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation Document  
Annex 2 - Issues and Options Questionnaire FV

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

This is an Urgent Decision that is exempt from call-in. In order to meet the timetable for the production of the Local Plan, as set out in the Local Development Scheme, consultation needs to commence in June. This decision was therefore exempt from call-in, as outlined in the Chairman's consent dated 14th May 2013 (Background Paper 1).

Last date for call in: