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## **REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL – MOTION ON NOTICE – INTRODUCTION OF A LOCAL LEVY**

To: **Council – 24 April 2014**

By: **Financial Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All Wards**

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**Summary:** **To inform Council of the decision of Cabinet following Council's referral of a notice of motion relating to the introduction of a local levy**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 On 27 February 2014, Council received a motion on notice, proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Grove, as follows:

“That council request cabinet to support a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act – ‘That the Secretary of State:-

A. Give local authorities the power to introduce a local levy of up to 8.5 of the rate on large supermarkets or large retail outlets in this area with an annual rateable value not less than 500,000; and

B. Requires that the new revenue from this levy be retained by the local authority in order to improve local communities in the areas promoting local economic activity, local services and facilities, social and community wellbeing and environmental protection.”

- 1.2 Council referred the motion without debate to Cabinet for determination and report.

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 Upon considering the motion at its meeting on 3 April 2014, Cabinet AGREED to support the motion.

- 2.2 The report to Cabinet and the notice of Cabinet's decision can be viewed on the Council's website, [www.thanet.gov.uk](http://www.thanet.gov.uk)

### **3.0 Corporate Implications**

#### **3.1 Financial and VAT**

- 3.1.1 As stated in the report to Cabinet.

#### **3.2 Legal**

- 3.2.1 As stated in the report to Cabinet.

#### **3.3 Corporate**

- 3.3.1 As stated in the report to Cabinet.

#### **3.4 Equity and Equalities**

- 3.4.1 As stated in the report to Cabinet.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 This report is for Council to note.

### **5.0 Decision Making Process**

- 5.1 The decision of Cabinet is being reported to Council for information.

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### **Annex List**

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### **Background Papers**

| Title | Details of where to access copy |
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| None  |                                 |

### **Corporate Consultation Undertaken**

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| Finance | N/A |
| Legal   | N/A |