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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION OF INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Name of Cabinet Member:

Councillor John Townend, Councillor Hunter Stummer-Schmertzing

Relevant Portfolio:

Cabinet Member for Financial Services and Estates,
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise Services

Date of Decision:

12 October 2017

Subject:

Dreamland Cinema Margate - Proposed Funding of Disability Discrimination Act Compliant Lift

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

No

Brief summary of matter:

The works have been instructed due to time constraints on the contract, but the identified monies need to be built into the capital programme in order to avoid an overspend.

Decision made:

To fund the installation of the DDA Compliant lift at a cost of £110k. Funded through the Capital Project Reserve Fund

Reasons for decision:

As a responsible landlord the Council is required to install the lift prior to letting the space to prospective tenants, so as to ensure compliance with the relevant equalities legislation. By doing this the Council is fulfilling its obligations under the Equalities Act and the Public Sector Equality Duty. Installation of the lift also ensures the best rental income when finding a tenant for the available space. While the contractor (Coombs) remains on site best value can be assured and overheads minimised. The lift installation is underway as the decision was previously taken to install it as the Contractor remained on site for only a short period.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The alternative is not to fund the lift, but it is not a desirable alternative due to Equalities compliance and ensuring the best rental income is achieved and meeting our obligation with Coombs.

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:

Helen Havercroft

Background papers

Dreamland Lift Installation 12 October 2017

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

The Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Chairman of the Council have been consulted and have confirmed that this decision is urgent as described in section 4(a) of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules and section 15(p-r) of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel Procedure Rules of the Constitution and is therefore not subject to call-in.

Last date for call-in:

N/A