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CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2010 at 3.05 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Robert W Bayford (Chairman); Councillors Moores, Wells and Wise

In Attendance: D Green, Ms Green and C Hart

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Latchford and Donna Reed, Director of Business Transformation and Customer Services.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were Agreed and signed by the Chairman.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR C. HART IN RELATION TO MINIMUM SIZE OF FLATS IN NEW DEVELOPMENT

Speaking under 24.1 Councillor Clive Hart said that he outlined the detrimental effects of small sized for residential accommodation at Council in April this year. He cited Shelter who reported that one in ten children have been failed in life because of cramped living. Councillor Hart said that there a likelihood that children living in such conditions would contract meningitis and that although the Council had indicated that they would review room sizes for new developments this would be in April 2011 but there was already slippage in time.

Councillor Wells, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Services acknowledged the issues raised by Councillor Hart and said that Thanet District Council had adopted the Cliftonville local development framework which should help address those planning issues. He said that the issue of room sizes had to be considered carefully.

Councillor Wells then moved recommendation 5.1

Councillor Wise seconded

Cabinet Agreed to recommendation 5.1 which is as detailed below:

“That Cabinet note the report and confirm the SPD will be prepared following completion of the Core Strategy.”

16. RECEIPT OF PETITION-ALBION HOUSE

Brian White, Director for Regeneration said that all the necessary legal checks and procedures had been done and that there were no other legal impediments to the disposal of Albion House.

Speaking under 24.1, Councillor David Green said that the petition represents the feelings of the people of Ramsgate. He said this was a substantial petition which was raised over a short space of time. Ramsgate needed such facilities at its town centre.

Councillor Green said that Ramsgate Town Council had made an offer to Thanet District Council to share the maintenance of the building or buy the property but the Council had turned down the suggestions. He suggested that the Council re-opens talks with Ramsgate Town Council on the issue.

Brian White said that there was a need to take the property back through the public consultation process.

The Chairman moved recommendation 5.1
Councillor Wise seconded

Cabinet Agreed to recommendation 5.1 which is as detailed below:

“That Mr. Landi be thanked for submitting the petition, but informed that because the Council has acted correctly regarding its legal obligations, and its agreed Asset Management Strategy 2007-11, no action is required.”

Meeting concluded : 3.20 pm