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## THANET LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

To: **Cabinet**      **17 June 2010**

By: **Colin Fitt – Strategic Planning and Conservation Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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**Summary:**      **To confirm membership of the Local Development Framework Cabinet Advisory Group**

### For Decision

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#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A Member working party was originally established by Council in 2008 to oversee preparation of the various documents to be prepared as part of the Council's Local Development Framework. This was discussed further at Cabinet in September 2009 when an Overview and Scrutiny Panel working group was also established to look at process and consultation and the name of the original working party was then changed to the "Local Development Framework Cabinet Advisory Group".
- 1.2 The political balance of the Group previously agreed by Council was three Conservative and two Labour Members.
- 1.3 Nominations have been sought from the Leader of each group and are as follows:-
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| 1 | Councillor R Bayford   |
| 2 | Councillor R Latchford |
| 3 | Councillor K Gregory   |
| 4 | Councillor S Ward*     |
| 5 | Councillor D Green*    |

\* to be confirmed at this meeting

- 1.4 The terms of reference of the Group are as follows:

To consider the content of and to advise Cabinet on policy documents comprising the Thanet Local Development Framework.

In their considerations the Working Party should have regard to compliance with the relevant legislation, to government policy and guidance, to the other parts of the Development Plan for the area and to all other material considerations.

The Working Party will be bound by the existing standards and codes of conduct applicable to Thanet District Council Members.

The Working Party will be known as "The Local Development Framework Working Party".

The Working Party will comprise five elected Councillors supported by a committee clerk and such professional officers as may be required.

The Chair will be elected at the first meeting.

Decisions will be by consensus or by a simple majority vote. Officers cannot vote.

Members will be nominated in the ratio of 3:2 between the Majority Group and the main Opposition Group.

Substitutes will be accepted.

- 1.5 The Group meets as necessary during the preparation of the various documents comprising the Local Development Framework to discuss and debate the content of those documents. Following this a report is presented to Cabinet recommending the document to Cabinet for agreement. The final documents for submission to the Secretary of State or for adoption are then recommended to Council by Cabinet.

## **2.0 Corporate Implications**

### **2.1 Financial**

- 2.1.2 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

### **2.2 Legal**

- 2.2.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **2.3 Corporate**

- 2.3.1 The Local Development Framework is fundamental to the Council's place shaping role and essential in helping to deliver the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy. Through its process of preparation it will be subject to substantial consultation and environmental assessment and appraisal.

### **2.4 Equity and Equalities**

- 2.4.1 The report advises on procedural matters and is not considered at this stage to have any material implications for equity and equality or require that an Equality Impact Assessment be carried out.

## **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That the membership of the Cabinet Advisory Board be agreed as set out in paragraph 1.3.

## **4.0 Decision Making Process**

- 4.1 Cabinet can agree the membership of the Cabinet Advisory Group.

Meeting: Cabinet	Date: 17/6/10
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**Annex List**

Annex 1	None
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**Background Papers**

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

**Corporate Consultation Undertaken**

Finance	<i>Harvey Patterson</i>
Legal	<i>Sarah Martin</i>