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CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2022 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Ash Ashbee (Chair); Councillors Pugh, J Bayford, R Bayford and Kup

In Attendance: Councillors Albon, Keen, Whitehead and Yates

792. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor D Saunders.

793. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

794. BIRCHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION - FORMAL RESPONSE FROM THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Leader introduced the report noting that it was clear that a lot of work and care had been put into the preparation of the Plan.

The Council was running a public consultation that closed on 24 February 2022, then the Plan would be examined by an independent examiner.

The Plan was generally supported however there were some concerns that were detailed in paragraph 1.11 of the report.

The Leader proposed, Councillor B Bayford seconded and Cabinet agreed the following:

‘That the comments in Annex 1 to the cabinet report are approved as the Council’s formal response to the Birchington Neighbourhood Plan.’

795. CLIMATE EMERGENCY CAG RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor B Bayford presented the report, he noted that Kent County Council (KCC) had finalised The Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emission Strategy. This detailed the route to create a low emission county and reach net zero by 2050 for the whole of Kent. The strategy had been approved by all the relevant KCC committees and Kent Leaders in 2020.

Councillor Yates spoke under Council Procedure 20.1.

Councillor B Bayford proposed, Councillor Kup seconded and Cabinet agreed the following:

That:

1. Thanet District Council endorses the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emission Strategy.
2. In alignment with this endorsement, the following paragraph is added to the Council’s climate change pledge:

'Do what is within our powers and resources to support KCC, the Government, business, industry and the community to make Thanet, as a whole, net zero by 2050.'

796. MARGATE TOWN DEAL - SKATEPARK PROJECT

Councillor Pugh presented the report for the approval of the former Ethelbert Putting Green site to be leased for a Skatepark, as part of the Margate Town Deal. The proposal would help to deliver community activities on the ground, and could assist in dealing with the lack of social facilities in the area.

Councillor Pugh proposed, Councillor Kup seconded and Cabinet agreed the following:

1. To give delegated authority to the Director of Property to prepare and complete the lease and all other ancillary documents on the agreed terms, in consultation with the Economic Development Portfolio Holder;
2. To approve the capital virement of the full £59,000 capital programme Margate Skatepark Project budget, to the Margate Town Deal programme. The committed skatepark project for Margate within the capital programme is now due to be delivered as part of the Margate Town Deal.

Meeting concluded : 7.10pm