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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Jill Bayford

Relevant Portfolio:

Cabinet Member for Housing

Date of Decision:

02 March 2023

Subject:

Edgar Road Purchase

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

A report was presented to Cabinet proposing the purchase and conversion of a large property in Edgar Road, Cliftonville.

The property is four houses, currently configured as a single property, consisting of rooms with en-suite bathrooms with shared lounges and kitchens. The property has been valued and the owner has indicated acceptance of an offer within the valuation figure, subject to contract.

There is sufficient funding within the council's approved Live Margate programme to support the purchase. The property will be redeveloped within the HRA for Affordable Housing as self-contained family homes.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed:

1. To approved Live Margate programme;
2. To design a scheme to convert the building into self-contained 2 bedroom flats, progress a planning application and appoint a suitable design team to progress the conversion;
3. To consider a further report once the detailed conversion costs are known, so that the necessary funding can be included within the HRA capital programme and a contractor appointed.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal is consistent with the aims of the Live Margate Programme to purchase houses in multiple occupation in Cliftonville and convert them to self contained homes.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Cabinet considered not buying the property. This was rejected. Securing an alternative building within Cliftonville is likely to be difficult, so not proceeding with this might mean

that the remaining £1.6m in the Live Margate programme would need to be reallocated to other housing projects.

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:

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Background papers

Cabinet report - Edgar Road

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

None

Last date for call in: 10 March 2023