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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:

Proposal to transfer area of land off Highfield Road, Ramsgate to the Housing Revenue Account for Development of Affordable Housing

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

A report was presented to Cabinet proposing to transfer an area of land off of Highfield Road, Ramsgate, from the General Fund (GF) to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the provision of affordable housing.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed:

1. To the transfer of land from the General Fund account to the Housing Revenue account to enable it to be developed for Affordable Housing;
2. To prepare and submit an application for planning consent for the development of affordable homes, including necessary technical site assessments and community consultation;
3. To consider a further report to authorise the letting of a construction contract, once a detailed scheme has been developed.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal to transfer the land to the Housing Revenue Account was agreed due to the significant need for new affordable rented homes in the district. The council has already allocated capital funding to the next phase of the council's new build programme and this site will enable this programme to proceed.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The cabinet considered whether an alternative use for the site should be explored but the recommendations were supported due to the significant need for new affordable rented housing.

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:

Bob Porter, Acting Corporate Director of Place

Background papers

Cabinet report - Land Off Highfield Road - Google Docs
Annex 1 - a map showing the piece of land

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

None

Last date for call in:

10 March 2023