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To: Council
Date: 22 May 2019
Status: Non-Executive Decision
Responsible Officer: Amandeep Khroud, Assistant Director - Governance, Law & Regulatory Services

SUBJECT: ANNUAL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES ADOPTED BY CABINET AND AN UPDATE ON URGENT DECISIONS 2018/19

SUMMARY: This report is the annual report of policies and strategies that have been adopted, by Cabinet, during the 2018/19 municipal year.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Council is asked to agree the recommendations set out below, as the Council's constitution (Part 4.1, paragraph 1.3) provides that Cabinet is required to submit an annual report, to Council, detailing the policies that have been approved by the cabinet during the previous municipal year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note report A/19/05.
2. To consider including any of the policies and/or strategies, outlined in this report, in the Policy Framework.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with the Folkestone and Hythe District Council Constitution (Part 4.1, paragraph 1.3), Cabinet shall submit an annual report to Council, detailing the policies that have been approved in the previous municipal year, which are not those mentioned in the Policy Framework.
- 1.2 Following consideration of the report, Council shall have the opportunity of including any of those policies or strategies, approved by Cabinet, in the Policy Framework.
- 1.3 In addition, this report will also serve to report to council on the use of urgency powers when the call-in procedure has not applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Part 6.3, paragraph 19.4).

2. POLICIES ADOPTED DURING THE YEAR 2018/19

- 2.1 Policies and strategies that have been adopted, revised or updated during the 2018/19 municipal year are:
 - Draft Shepway Healthier Housing Strategy 2018/23
 - Revised Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy
 - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Policy
 - Events management Policy
 - Risk Management Policy and Strategy
 - Digital Strategy 2018 – 2023
 - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23
 - Street naming and numbering Policy
 - Budget Strategy 2019/20
 - Folkestone & Hythe District Council - Communications and Engagement Strategy 2018-23
 - Folkestone and Hythe District Heritage Strategy
 - Investment Strategy 2019/20
 - Capital Strategy 2019/20
 - Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Update 2019 - 2049

3. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROVISIONS

- 3.1 There was one instance of an urgent key decision being taken in the last municipal year.

At its meeting on 11 July 2018, the Cabinet considered report C/18/13, which recommended the allocation of £83,000 budget for the immediate purchase of compactor bins for the Coastal Park.

It was necessary to take the decision under the constitution's 'Call in and Urgency' rule (Part 6.3, rule 7), as there were issues with bin capacity and access at this location. Due to lead in times for supply and delivery of bin units an urgent decision helped fast track deployment during the summer.

Council was informed of this decision.

4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

4.1 Legal Officer's Comments (AK)

There are no legal comments.

4.2 Finance Officer's Comments

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report: the financial implications of individual policies would have been contained within the specific reports at the time the policies were adopted.

4.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications (AK)

Where necessary, an equality impact assessment has been prepared in support of each policy and is appended to that policy.

5. CONTACT OFFICER AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising from this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting:

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None