

Officer Executive Decisions

Report Title: Designation of High Halstow Neighbourhood Area

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: The Cabinet considered a report on 12 June 2018 which set out details of an application from High Halstow Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

At the Cabinet meeting on 12 June 2018 the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation, to approve the designation of the proposed High Halstow Neighbourhood Area, consistent with the parish boundary, for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Plan, following the statutory consultation period (decision number 85/2018 refers).

The report may be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?Ild=23038&Opt=3>

Decision:

Following a four week consultation period on the proposed boundary of the Neighbourhood Area for High Halstow which ended on 27 July 2018, no representations were received and the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation approved the designation of the High Halstow Neighbourhood Area, consistent with the parish boundary and edged red in the attached plan.

Reasons for Decision: To meet statutory requirements in preparing Neighbourhood Plans, as the application is valid and consistent with legislation and there are no grounds on which to reject the application.

Date of Decision: 6 August 2018

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Details of any other options considered and rejected:

The Council has a statutory responsibility for decision making on the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, and the Government continues to promote Neighbourhood Planning. There were no valid grounds for rejecting the application by High Halstow Parish Council, and therefore no realistic alternative options to the consideration of the Neighbourhood Area. If the Council did not determine the application within the specified statutory time limit, the proposed Neighbourhood Area would have been deemed to be approved.

Conflicts of Interest: None