

# Officer Executive Decisions

## Planning Policy Update

### Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date

At the meeting held on 17 December 2019, the Leader agreed to amend the Employee Scheme of Delegation to provide for a delegation to the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive to deal with any future applications for designations of neighbourhood planning areas and forums, as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report (decision 156/2019).

The report and its appendices are available on the [Council's website](#).

### Decision

Following a four-week consultation period on the proposed boundary of the Neighbourhood Area for Frindsbury Extra, and with the support of the Portfolio Holder concerned, the Council confirmed the designation of the proposed area, which is consistent with the parish boundary.

### 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

10 May 2022

### Lead Officer

Catherine Smith, Planning Manager – Policy

Email: [catherine.smith@medway.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.smith@medway.gov.uk)

Tel: 01634 331358

### 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 Frindsbury Extra 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.

Present application for designation to Cabinet – this was rejected as an option, as the delegation in place provided for a speedier and more efficient process.

### Conflicts of Interest

None