

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Strategic Environment Cabinet Committee

Date: 21 November 2023

Reporting officer: Assistant Director (Planning)

Subject: Planning in Gravesham – The Gravesham Borough Council
Planning Service Strategy 2023-2028

Purpose and summary of report:

To share an initial draft of “Planning in Gravesham – The Gravesham Borough Council Planning Service Strategy 2023-2028” for discussion and comment

Recommendations:

1. That the Committee consider the report and provide their comments on Appendix 1.

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	No implications. The report is for discussion
Finance and Value for Money	Service standard propositions are tailored to reflect existing departmental resources. Enhanced standards are likely to require additional resources to be identified. A key component of the document will be explaining what the services does not do and when fees might be charged.
Corporate Plan	#1 People: a proud community; where residents can call a safe, clean and attractive borough their home. #2 Place: a dynamic borough; defined by a vibrant and productive local economy taking advantage of growth in the area, supported by its strong and active community.
Climate Change	The Council’s commitment to Climate Change is addressed through both plan making and decision taking.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Local government administers much of the planning system, preparing Local Plans, determining planning applications and carrying out enforcement against unauthorised development.
- 1.2 In areas such as Kent, where local government consists of three tiers, district councils in their role as the Local Planning Authority are responsible for most planning matters, other than transport and minerals and waste planning which are typically functions of the county council.
- 1.3 In England, the planning system is plan-led and any planning application must be determined in line with the development plan (including neighbourhood plans where they exist) unless other material planning considerations indicate otherwise.
- 1.4 Not all development requires permission from the Council. For example:
 - national grants of permission by the General Permitted Development Order allow for certain building works and changes of use to be carried out without having to make a planning application
 - local grants of planning permission through Local or Neighbourhood Development Orders or Community Right to Build Orders.
 - Development which is to be carried out by a local authority, national park authority or statutory undertaker that has been authorised by a relevant government department / General Permitted Development Order.

2. Planning in Gravesham

- 2.1 Planning in Gravesham, sets out the Council's vision and strategic aims and objectives for the planning service in Gravesham to 2028. With the overriding aim of ensuring that a professional, courteous, consistent and fair service is provided to all users, whilst striving to maintain high standards.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix 1: Draft Planning in Gravesham – The Gravesham Borough Council Planning Service Strategy 2023-2028

4. Background Documents

- 4.1 There are no background documents.

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	No implications.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>
	<p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data?</p> <p>A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links.</p> <p>No</p>
	<p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice?</p> <p>Click here to start typing</p>
	<p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk.</p> <p>Click here to start typing</p>
Equality Impact Assessment	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer.</p> <p>No</p>
	<p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer.</p>
	<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>
Crime and Disorder	No direct implications.
Digital and website implications	This document will be published on the Council's website upon adoption.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	No direct implications.