

Key Decision Required:	No	In the Forward Plan:	No
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CABINET

19 APRIL 2013

REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL

A.1 CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report to Cabinet a motion submitted at the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2013.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out a motion submitted by Councillor Talbot to the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2013 relating to consultation with residents and which was referred to the Cabinet by the Chairman of the Council for consideration and report in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4.

RECOMMENDATION

That, following the explanation of the motion by Councillor Talbot, the Cabinet decides whether to recommend the Council to support the motion.

PART 2 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

At a meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2013 (minute 106 refers) the following motion was moved by Councillor Talbot and seconded by Councillor White and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.4, stood referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:-

“This Tendring District Council expresses its deep concern that proper and adequate consultation with residents is absent from some of the actions taken by our Cabinet and its Members.

As a particular example the consultation process on a new Doctors surgery for residents in Holland-on-Sea, refuses to consult with residents over their requirements for this much needed facility.

Holland-on-Sea has a very large and active Residents Association and has three elected members to this District Council, but notwithstanding this level of resident participation in this area of Tendring, the Cabinet have not sought the opinion of residents even when consultation with third parties are undertaken about the projected new surgery.

This Full Council maintains that ignoring our residents in this way is counterproductive and against our general principle of involving our community, expressed in many statements

and policy publications made and produced by our Council.

This Tendring District Council therefore instructs its Cabinet to include meaningful consultation with its residents, when any project of major significance to a particular group of residents is considered. Such consultation, in particular discussions with any third party organisation, shall be held before decisions are made and not afterwards, so that residents' views may be taken into account and included in any final proposal from the Cabinet.”

CURRENT POSITION

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Talbot has been invited to attend the meeting and explain the motion.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None.

APPENDICES

None.