

**By:** Ben Watts, General Counsel

**To:** Scrutiny Committee – 19 November 2019

**Subject:** Review of the planned provision of school places within the Thanet area

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## **Background**

- (1) On 17 October 2019 Mr Carter, when Leader of the Council, took a decision to approve a variation to the existing school place planning in Thanet through an urgent application being made to the Secretary of State to terminate the Academy Presumption process published in November 2017. The Record of Decision is attached at Appendix 1.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of reference of the Scrutiny Committee, the Chairman and Spokespeople have agreed to place this issue on the agenda of the Scrutiny Committee.
- (3) Any Member has a legal right to place an item on the Scrutiny Committee agenda. In this case, Mr Carter's decision is not being 'called in' and therefore its implementation cannot be delayed or overturned by it being placed on the Scrutiny Committee agenda. The Committee may decide, however, to make comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for his consideration and response.
- (4) Appendix 1: Record of Decision  
Appendix 2: **EXEMPT** Decision Report – Reviewing the planned provision of school places within the Thanet area  
Appendix 3: EqIA

## **Recommendation**

- (5) The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and make comment.

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