

28 DAYS KEY DECISION

URGENCY NOTICE



In accordance with Part 2, Regulation 5, of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 the following decision is being taken within the 28 day period and the Chairman of the Cabinet Overview & Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the report is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred for the reasons set out below:-

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	Tuesday, 22 October 2013
Key Issue:	Business Rate Pooling
Summary of Decision:	Discussions are under way between the Kent Councils to review whether to establish a business rates pool for 2014/15. Any proposal will need to be submitted to Communities and Local Government by 31 October. This report sets out the background and seeks Cabinet agreement to delegate a decision on whether to enter a scheme to the Director of Regeneration & Communities.
Open/Exempt:	Open
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Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of the decision:	A formal application to the Department for Communities and Local Government is required by 31st October 2013. The potential application is still subject to conclusions on membership and governance arrangements however this decision is required urgently to enable officers to meet that deadline should the final outcome indicate a benefit to the Council.

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