

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Relevant Portfolio:

Councillor Mike J Harrison, Cabinet Member for Operational Services

Date of Decision:

Thursday, 31 July 2014

Subject:

Petition to Council - Margate Harbour

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

No

Brief summary of matter:

A petition was received in March requesting the reopening of the sluice at Margate with the intention of resolving issues associated with odour from seaweed and sediment in the harbour. A cabinet report dated 31st July 2014 discusses the proposals put forward by the petition relating to the sluice and provides a summary of local coastal processes including the interaction with local maritime structures.

Decision made:

Option 1: To reject the proposal to reopen the sluice for the reasons set out in the cabinet report and to refer this decision to the next meeting of Council.

Reasons for decision:

Technical evidence suggests that the reopening of the sluice would not resolve the seaweed and sediment odour issue.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Study work on the subject of sediment movement and near-shore current and wave conditions indicates that reopening the sluice through the Stone Pier would not resolve the current odour and seaweed deposition issue. It would also have a relatively high cost, would require regular maintenance and increase operational risk.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

Author and date of Officer report:

Mark Seed, Director of Operational Services

Background papers

Petition to Council - Margate Harbour
Annex 1 - Petition Margate Harbour
Annex 2 - Petition Margate Harbour

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

n/a

Last date for call in: 11 August 2014