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Called in

Yes/No

**THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET**

Name of Cabinet Member:

Relevant Portfolio

Date of Decision:

Subject:

Key Decision  In Forward Plan

Brief summary of matter:

The Council received a petition in December 2016 regarding access to Hodges Gap promenade car park. This area is currently regulated by Foreshore Barriers and the group who submitted this document is requesting that the barriers remain open at all times.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed that the barriers should remain locked unless the concession in situ is open and trading to allow daytime vehicular access to the lower promenade at both Palm/Walpole Bay areas.

Reasons for decision:

Because the Leaseholder has experienced a large amount of vandalism and illegal activities (drug dealing, vandalism, theft, fires, illegal boat activity) in this area throughout 2016. This has resulted in a break-in and a great deal of damage to his property such as CCTV cameras, furniture, containers, vehicles along with the security shutters to the TDC owned buildings. There have also been problems with overnight sleepers, abandoned cars and unauthorised racing and parties.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

The only other option would be to leave the barrier open but this was rejected for the above reasons.

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

Author of Officer report:

Background papers

Report - Hodges Gap Petition - VFinal Version  
Annex 1 - Copy of Original Byelaws  
Annex 2 - Vehicles Byelaws  
Annex 3 - Petition Access to Hodges Gap Promenade Car Park

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

None

Last date for call in: 20 March 2017