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Called in

Yes/No

**THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET**

Name of Cabinet Member:

Councillor Fenner

Relevant Portfolio:

Business, Corporate & Regulatory Services

Date of Decision:

22 January 2013

Subject:

Introduction of Dog Control Order - Dumpton Gap

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

No

Brief summary of matter:

Consideration of a petition proposing a dog ban on Dumpton Gap Beach between the hours of 10:00 to 18:00 from 1 May to 30 September in each year, which was referred to Cabinet for consideration in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed to maintain the current situation and allow dogs at any time at Dumpton Gap Beach.

Reasons for decision:

Not to interrupt the continuity of a key walking route for dog owners between Ramsgate and Broadstairs and to maintain a balance across the Council's beaches between the rights and expectations of dog owners and the rights and expectations of other users including visitors and tourists

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Propose to introduce a ban on dogs at any time between 1 May and 30 September in each year, proceed to public consultation and take the final decision, taking into account the responses to the public consultation.  
Propose to introduce a ban on dogs between the hours of 10:00 and 18:00 from 1 May to 30 September in each year, proceed to public consultation and take the final decision taking into account the responses to the public consultation.

Rejected for the reasons given above.

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 of Officer Report:

Penny Button, Environmental Health Manager

Background papers

Report to Cabinet - Dumpton Gap Dog Control Order - 22 Jan 2013 FV  
Dumpton Gap - Beach Plan - Annex 1  
Petition - Dog Control Order - Background Paper

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

None

Last date for call in: 31 Jan 2013