

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gregory

Relevant Portfolio:

Financial Services & Estates

Date of Decision:

14 March 2019

Subject:

Petition response - Margate Museum and the Mayor's Parlour

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

No

Brief summary of matter:

A petition containing 94 valid signatures was received by the Council requesting that the council reaffirm that there will be no sale or disposal of the buildings known as Margate Museum and the Mayor's Parlour.

Under the Council's petitions scheme, Council is required to refer the petition to Cabinet without debate for report back to Council.

Decision made:

Cabinet remained committed to finding a long term sustainable future for the museums and would continue to progress to marketing as detailed and determined at the 18 October 2018 Cabinet meeting.

Reasons for decision:

In consideration of the substantial capital sums they require to invest in the premises which is not available in council funds, and that the museums require specialist expertise to ensure they attract visitors and offer the best experience which the council do not have and in recognition that there are more funding opportunities available for qualifying community groups than councils.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

No other alternatives were considered for this decision other than those presented in the October 2018 Cabinet Report. Refer to the 18 October 2018 Cabinet report and decision for the full analysis.

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:

Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

Background papers

Report in response to Petition

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

None

Last date for call in:

27 March 2019