

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Steve Albon

Relevant Portfolio:

Cabinet Member for Operational Services

Date of Decision:

18 March 2021

Subject:

Coastal & Beach Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

Thanet District Council is proposing to introduce a new Beaches and Coast Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). Creating a new PSPO will help protect our coastline and beaches with one code of conduct that replaces all previous beach byelaws. The introduction of the new PSPO will create a safer beach environment for all to enjoy, through deterring and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and other undesirable activities, which our local communities and visitors are impacted by currently.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed to adopt the new beaches and coast PSPO on 18 March 2021, in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Reasons for decision:

Cabinet has agreed to the decision on the introduction of the Beaches and Coast Public Spaces Protection Order and Code of Conduct because this will impact positively on the lives of people who live, work and visit our beaches and coastline protecting the district from detrimental harm. Over recent years, issues with the misuse of our beaches and coast have led to wide scale complaints of anti-social behaviour, a general disregard for the public realm and our natural coastal environment.

PSPOs are only to be used to protect communities from unwanted anti-social behaviours and shall only be enforceable where there is reasonable evidence to do so.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

None.

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:

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Background papers

Beaches & Coast PSPO 18th March 2021 - Cabinet Report - Google Docs.pdf 2
Annex 1 Legal Order Foreshore & Coast PSPO 2021 - Google Docs
Annex 2 PSPO Code of Conduct Beaches Full Content for Public Communications 2021
- Google Docs
Foreshore_Coast PSPO EIA - Google Docs

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

Last date for call in:

26 March 2021