
PETITION TO COUNCIL – DOG BAN ON DUMPTON GAP BEACH

To: **Council – 6 December 2012**

By: **Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: **A Petition has been received, requesting a dog ban on Dumpton Gap Beach from 1 May to 30 September, from 1000 hrs to 2000 hrs.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 According to the Council's petitions policy, members of the public may present petitions and make verbal statements thereon at ordinary meetings of Council. No petition can be supported by more than one statement, and if a petition contains more than 25 but less than 650 signatures, the Council must refer the petition to Cabinet or appropriate Committee without debate, for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.
- 1.2 In cases where the petition is about something over which Council has no direct control, the Council can, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.3, either refer it on to another body or make representations to that body on behalf of the petitioner.

2.0 Current Situation

- 2.1 A petition has been received from Mrs Natalie Stapley, validly signed by 58 persons.
- 2.2 The petition states:
- “We, the undersigned, request that Thanet District Council imposes a dog ban on Dumpton Gap Beach, from 1 May to 30 September, banning dogs during the hours of 10.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs, in accordance with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
- “Dogs that are not kept under the owners’ control are creating Health and Safety and hygiene issues, which is causing distress and problems to many beach/promenade users.”
- 2.3 Mrs Stapley, the petition originator, has indicated that she wishes to take up the option of addressing Council,
- 2.4 Notice of receipt of this petition has, in accordance with the Council's petitions policy, been published on the Council's website.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 No financial implications at this stage

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 No legal implications at this stage

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 None at this stage

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None at this stage, however they will be covered when the petition is discussed at a future meeting of Cabinet.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 That the petition is referred to Cabinet without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 Council is required at this stage to refer the petition to Cabinet or the appropriate Committee for report to Council.

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
Petition	Democratic Services Office

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager, Ext 7617
Legal	Gary Cordes, Legal Services Manager, Ext 7906