
INTRODUCTION OF DOG CONTROL ORDER – DUMPTON GAP

To: **Council – 7 February 2013**

Main Portfolio Area: **Business, Corporate & Regulatory Services**

By: **Penny Button, Environmental Health Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Viking**

Summary: **To report back to Council on a petition from the citizens of Thanet requesting 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.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

At the December 2012 Council Meeting a petition containing 135 signatures requesting that a dog ban be imposed at Dumpton Gap Beach, was referred to the Cabinet for consideration in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme. The beach is shown edged in black on the plan attached as **Annex 1**.

The petition requested that the Council imposes a dog ban at Dumpton Gap Beach, from 1 May to 30 September, banning dogs during the hours of 10:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs under the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 replaced the previous system of byelaws for the control of dogs and repealed the Dog (Fouling Of Land) Act 1996 with Dog Control Orders

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 At the Cabinet Meeting on 22 January 2013 Cabinet agreed to maintain the current situation and allow dogs at any time at Dumpton Gap Beach.
- 2.2 This decision was taken so as 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.
- 2.3 A copy of the report that was considered by Cabinet on 22 January 2013 can be found at this link:

[Cabinet Report 22 January 2013](#)

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

3.1.1 As per the Cabinet report.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 As per the Cabinet report.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 As per the Cabinet report.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 As per the Cabinet report.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 This report is for information only

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 This is a non-key decision.

5.2 This is an executive function. Cabinet made their decision on 22 January 2013. This report is for Council to note only.

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Annex List

<i>None</i>	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
Petition	Democratic Services

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager
Communications	Justine Wingate, Corporate Information Manager