
RAMSGATE MARITIME PLAN

To: **Cabinet – 31 July 2014**

Main Portfolio Area: **Operational Services**

By: **Mark Seed, Director of Operational Services**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: **The report provides Cabinet with the Ramsgate Maritime Plan for approval.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and background

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the revised Ramsgate Maritime Plan, which is attached at Annex 1, for Cabinet's approval, following further work has been undertaken to the version that was received as a draft by Cabinet on the 14 November 2014.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 At the Ramsgate Port and Harbour Cabinet Advisory Group meeting on the 24 September 2013, a collective view could not be reached on the draft plan, particularly in relation to the governance arrangements, and the Group were unable to make a mutually agreed recommendation to Cabinet. Cabinet received copies of the minutes from the Cabinet Advisory Group with the previous report on the 14 November, and the following recommendation was proposed, seconded and agreed by the Group:

“That the Group notes the Consultants' report and asks Cabinet to consider the different views of Group Members as recorded in the minutes.”

2.2 The Ramsgate Maritime Plan has been reviewed and amended and is brought before Cabinet for adoption.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The plan contains proposed actions, but the financial consequences of these will be dealt with as part of individual business cases supporting these projects.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. The plan contains proposed actions, but the legal consequences of these will be dealt with as part of individual business cases supporting these projects.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 The Plan in Annex 1 sets out the wider implications associated with the future of the port and harbour. The plan primarily aims to support the delivery of the council's Corporate Plan priorities detailed below:

- Priority 1 - Working with European partners and encouraging further location of sustainable energy businesses into the area, particularly at Ramsgate Port
- Priority 1 - Protecting and diversifying the commercial function of Port of Ramsgate as a key Kent cross-channel trade route

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 There are no equity or equalities issues arising directly from this report.

3.5 Risks

3.5.1 Each of the actions within the Plan will generate risks for the council that will be dealt with under the council's project planning systems.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 That Cabinet adopt the Ramsgate Maritime Plan which gives the strategic direction for Ramsgate Port and Royal Harbour.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 This is a key decision. Cabinet needs to make strategic decisions that create a framework for full utilisation of the economic infrastructure in the district in order to enhance the economic benefits for the area.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Ramsgate Maritime Plan
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Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Monitoring Officer / Legal	Steven Boyle, Interim Legal Services Manager
Finance	Paul Cook, Interim Director of Corporate Resources
PR and Publicity	Hannah Thorpe, PR and Publicity Manager