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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION OF INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Name of Cabinet Member:

Relevant Portfolio:

Date of Decision:

Subject:

Key Decision In Forward Plan

Brief summary of matter:

In August 2016 an Individual Cabinet Member Decision was made to vary the description of a capital project to replace the existing berth 4/5 structure at the port of Ramsgate. This variation allowed for the inclusion of work to berth 3 which is immediately adjacent to berth 4/5.

The programme on this project is relatively tight and the value of the proposed work to berth 3 was therefore estimated to inform the decision made in August based upon the most contemporary information at the time. The full scope of the project is now known and the estimated value has changed. The actual cost of the work required to fulfil the project brief will be approximately £664k and therefore higher than the £385k originally estimated. The construction phase of the project has not yet started.

Decision made:

To further revise the berth 4/5 capital project to increase the value of works to berth 3 but not increase the overall value of the allocation to Berth 4/5 and 3 in the 2016/17 Capital Programme.

Reasons for decision:

The revised project will enhance the resilience of the port through the replacement of key structural, hydraulic, mechanical and electrical components on berth 3 in compliance with the current design codes. The work will also increase the compatibility of the berth to accommodate a wider range of ro-ro vessels with alternative vehicle access configurations.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

A 'Do nothing' option would render the berth unserviceable and would deny opportunity for future income via the berth.

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

Signed Cabinet Member Decision 29 September 2016 report
Council Chairman's Consent to Urgent Decision

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

This decision is URGENT and therefore EXEMPT from call-in by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel because the programme for delivery of this project is very tight. This is because the work which consists of structural steelwork repairs, hydraulic repairs and electrical work must be completed by mid-December to avoid the main part of the winter period. It is essential that the project is completed before next spring to ensure that the berth is operational in readiness for new cross channel ferry opportunities from Ramsgate. This will mean a start on site next week or the week after at the latest. A tender has been received and evaluated but the award process will take several days to complete assuming approval is gained to further alter the capital project.

Last date for call-in:

N/A