QUESTION NO. 3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE RAMSGATE PORT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Council	**10 October 2019**
Report Author	**Committee Services Manager**
Portfolio Holder	**The Leader**
Classification:	**Unrestricted**
Key Decision	**No**
Ward:	**Central Harbour Ward**

Executive Summary:

The Leader will receive a question from a member of the public in relation to the Ramsgate Port Feasibility Study.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS	
Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly from this report.
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership. Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.

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	There are no specific equity and equality issues arising from this report.	

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 The following question, addressed to the Leader has been received from Mr Murphy n in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

"Evaluation Criteria in the Port Ramsgate Feasibility Study tender favour low price over quality and encompass unacceptably small operations with low credit ratings. Quality analysis of all options is vital to turn the port around. A low quality applicant may win. What will you do to stop this?"

1.2 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.6, the Chairman will invite the questioner to put their question to the Member named in the notice. If the questioner is not present, the question shall not be put and shall be answered in writing.

1.3 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.7, if the Member to whom the question is directed is present they will provide an oral answer. If that Member is not present, the question will be answered by the Leader or another Member nominated by the Leader for the purpose unless it is inappropriate for the Leader to give an oral answer or to nominate another Member to give an oral answer, in which case the question will be dealt with by a written answer.

1.4 The total time devoted to questions shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

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Annex List

None	*N/A*

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	*N/A*

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