

PETITION REGARDING BIGGER BINS ON THANET BEACHES

Meeting	10 September 2020
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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Steve Albon, Cabinet Member for Operational Services
Status	For Recommendation
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

An Epetition containing 42 valid signatures was received by the Council requesting that Thanet District Council provide larger bins for the general public to use across the Thanet coastline.

This report sets out how the Council deals with petitions of this size; it explains that the petition organiser will present the petition to the meeting and sets out the next steps as to how the Council will deal with the petition.

Recommendation(s):

Under the Council's petitions scheme, Council is required to refer the petition to Cabinet without debate for report back to Council.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

There are no identified financial implications from this report.

Legal

This matter is dealt with under the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions from the public which is contained within the constitution.

Corporate

In accordance with the Council's petition scheme if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.

Equality 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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific equalities issues arising from this report.

However it is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Environment*

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Under the terms of the Council's petitions scheme, members of the public may present petitions at ordinary meetings of Council; and if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 An Epetition organised by Ms Emily Parris has been validly signed by 42 people. The petition prayer reads:

"We the undersigned petition the council to Provide bigger bins for the general public to use across the Thanet coastline."

- 2.2. The petition organiser is entitled to present their petition to Council, and in accordance with the Council's petition scheme has three minutes to present the petition.
- 2.3. Ms Parris has been contacted by the Council and we will know whether she wishes to present the petition in due course.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 Under the Council's petitions scheme, Council is required to refer the petition to Cabinet for report back to Council within three ordinary meetings.

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Annex List

There are no Annexes with this report.

Background Papers

There are no Background Papers with this report.

Corporate Consultation

Finance: Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services

Legal: Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer