
REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL – NOTICE OF MOTION – RAMSGATE ROYAL SANDS

To: **Council – 7 February 2013**

Main Portfolio Area: **Operational Services**

By: **Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Eastcliff**

Summary: **To inform Council of the decision taken by Cabinet in relation to the Notice of Motion received by Council at its meeting on 6 December 2012 concerning Ramsgate Royal Sands**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 12 July 2012, Council received a Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Driver and seconded by Councillor Wells, as follows:

“This Council expresses its concern about the worrying lack of progress of SFP Ventures (UK) Ltd in developing the Royal Sands construction project.

“Council notes that SFP Ventures (UK) Ltd have been in negotiations with the Council to change the current development agreement.

“Council understands that this new agreement is ready for approval once SFP Ventures (UK) Ltd has demonstrated that:

A) it has finance in place to complete the project; and

B) that it has an agreement in place with a hotel management company to run the hotel which forms part of the development agreement with the Council.

“Council notes that more than 4 months have elapsed since it requested SFP Ventures (UK) Ltd to provide the information in A) and B) above.

“Council recommends to Cabinet that if SFP Ventures (UK) Ltd are unable to provide the information requested by the Council in A) and B) above by 31 January 2013 that Cabinet refuses to agree any new terms with this company and will robustly enforce the existing agreement including taking back the leasehold of the Royal Sands development if necessary.”

- 1.2 Council resolved not to debate the motion on notice. Consequently, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.3, the motion stood referred without discussion to Cabinet for determination or report.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The report to the meeting of Cabinet on 22 January 2013 can be viewed on the website at:

[Cabinet Report, 22 January 2013](#)

2.2 At that meeting, Cabinet resolved to:

“set a review period of 4 months from 22 January 2013 and request officers at the end of this period to prepare an options report to Cabinet if either the finance is not in place for the completion of the development or no agreement is in place for the construction and operation of a hotel”

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

3.1.1 These were reported to Cabinet on 22 January 2013. None arise from this report.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 These were reported to Cabinet on 22 January 2013. None arise from this report.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 These were reported to Cabinet on 22 January 2013. None arise from this report.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 These were reported to Cabinet on 22 January 2013. None arise from this report.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 This Report is for information only.

5.0 Decision Making Process

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	N/A