

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Council

1 ALCOHOL CONTROL ZONES

To update Members on the progress made in relation to establishing Alcohol Control Zones in the borough and to propose the designation of these zones.

1.1 Update on progress

1.1.1 Alcohol Control Zones were proposed for Tonbridge, West Malling, Borough Green, Wrotham, Platt and Leybourne. It was also proposed that the zone for Snodland be extended. These zones will deal with the problem of anti-social drinking in public places and give the police powers to tackle anti-social drinking. The zones will not stop responsible adults from consuming alcohol. The consumption of alcohol in licensed premises is permitted, as these are not defined as public places for these purposes.

1.1.2 A consultation was undertaken during June 2008 which gave residents, parish councils, licensed premises and other interested parties the opportunity to comment on the zones. Responses were also received from the Police and Police Community Support Officers. The proposed zones were advertised in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

1.1.3 At the Community Development Advisory Board on 23 July 2008, the original zones were discussed, along with suggested amendments arising from the responses to the consultation and additional areas requested by Members for Snodland and Tonbridge. These proposed areas were all agreed by the Board. The maps attached at Annex 1 show the final proposed zones to be designated. Once the zones are agreed and designated, signs will be erected in each area to notify residents of the designation of the area as an alcohol control zone.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 The legal implications of designation are set out in the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001. The process of designation has followed the requirements of those regulations.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 The costs of designation can be met within existing Community Safety Partnership budgets.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 As dealt with in the report

1.5 Recommendations

1.5.1 The Cabinet **BE REQUESTED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that an order, pursuant to the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001, be made in respect of those areas set out at Annex 1 to this report as places where restrictions apply to the consumption of alcohol in designated public places.

Background papers:

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Nil

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