

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

1 April 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE MAINTENANCE OF RIVERS AND TRIBUTARIES

To endorse the recommendations of the above review.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Scrutiny Committee has completed its review of the maintenance of rivers and tributaries in the borough and, at its meeting held on 10 March 2009, a number of recommendations were endorsed and commended to the Cabinet for its consideration.

1.1.2 The recommendations as commended are as follows:

- (a) that the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board be invited to consider the draft Floods and Water Bill when published;
- (b) that the issues set out in the final report of the review be taken into account by that Board in formulating any comments to be made on the Bill both at the publication stage or subsequently as part of any further amendment process;
- (c) that the Environment Agency, Internal Drainage Boards, Kent Wildlife Trust and Medway Valley CP be invited to participate in that process in partnership with the Borough Council.

1.1.3 In addition to these recommendations, the Scrutiny Committee indicated that, subject to consideration of the matter by the Management Liaison Panel, future final reports of the Scrutiny Committee that dealt with issues of a non-controversial nature could be agreed under authority delegated to the Chief Executive with the prior agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

1.2 Legal Implications, Financial and Value for Money Considerations, Risk Assessment

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Recommendations

1.3.1 That the above recommendations **BE ENDORSED**.

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