

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

30 March 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 REVIEW OF THE REGULATION OF QUARRIES IN THE BOROUGH – RECOMMENDATIONS

To receive the recommendations from Scrutiny Committee arising from the above review.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Scrutiny Committee considered a draft final report of the review concerning the regulation of quarries in the Borough at its meeting of 9 March 2010. The following recommendations were agreed and are commended to the Cabinet for further consideration:

(1) the forthcoming review of the Kent Minerals Local Plan be referred to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board for consideration;

(2) consideration be given to improving information to the public concerning complaints and concerns about minerals and waste operations, including giving appropriate information on the Council's website;

(3) the County Council be invited to work with other regulatory partners and the Borough Council to establish a single, shared channel of communication to enable the reporting of complaints and concerns about quarrying and waste operations and to strengthen the regulation of transport operations;

(4) the schedule of mineral sites due to be reviewed by the County Council be circulated to all Members and such reviews be reported to the relevant Area Planning Committee to ensure the views of Members are reflected in any responses made;

(5) consideration be given to the establishment of further local liaison groups to foster closer working relationships between the community and the operators where a need for such groups can be established; and

(6) copies of the recommendations arising from the review be sent to the relevant spokesmen of the major political parties and the local Members of Parliament.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 N/A

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 N/A

1.5 Recommendations

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

Background papers:

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Nil

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