

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

30 March 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES (2010/11)

This report sets out a range of new and additional improvement actions that we plan to undertake during 2010/11 to help further achieve our key priorities. These are in addition to our regular services and activities that are vital to achieving these priorities.

1.1 Key Priorities (2010/11)

1.1.1 Members will recall that, following consideration by Cabinet on 2 February, Council approved on 18 February the following key priorities for 2010/11:

- Manage the Council's financial resources and performance to meet the challenges of the recession and its impact on public finances.
- Promote and support the sustainable regeneration and economic development of Tonbridge town centre.
- Secure a continuing supply of affordable housing across all tenures and work to prevent homelessness.
- Involve, safeguard and meet the needs of children and young people.
- Achieve a cleaner, smarter and better maintained street scene and open space environment.
- Work with partners to:
 - Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime
 - Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living
 - Make a positive local contribution to tackling the causes and effects of climate change
 - Achieve further shared priorities to improve residents' quality of life in Tonbridge and Malling.

- 1.1.2 Annex 1 of this report sets out the range of improvement actions that we plan to undertake to achieve these key priorities during the coming financial year. These actions are still work in progress and may well evolve further. The full set of actions will be published in *Spotlight*, our 2010/11 Corporate Performance Plan, which will be reported to Members in due course.
- 1.1.3 *Spotlight* will also set out our further service priorities for 2010/11 and the actions to achieve these in the coming financial year.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 There is no direct statutory requirement to specify a set of key priorities. However, many of them are underpinned by statutory requirements.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 Establishing, and subsequently achieving, the Council's key priorities are central to effective performance management and delivering value for money.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 There would be a material risk to the Council's reputation and standing were it not to specify and subsequently deliver a set of key priorities.

Background papers:

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Nil

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