

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**12 October 2011**

**Report of the Director of Planning Transport and Leisure**

**Part 1- Public**

**Executive Non Key Decisions**

**1 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION**

**1.1** The Government are consulting on a Draft Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) This is a major piece of new and revised planning policy that will have major implications for local planning authorities and local communities. The deadline for comments is 17th October.

**1.1.1** Officers have been working on an analysis of the consultation paper and in so doing have drawn upon the views emerging from other key agencies. A substantive report together with recommended submissions and suggested amendments to the NPPF will be circulated to Members shortly after the publication of the agenda.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

**1.2.1** Whilst, once finally approved the NPPF will become an important policy document, there are no legal implications at this stage.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

**1.3.1** There is nothing in the NPPF itself which reduces the cost of Planning.

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

**1.4.1** None arising from this response to consultation.

**1.5 Equality Impact Assessment**

**1.5.1** See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

**1.6 Policy Considerations**

**1.6.1** Local Development Framework.

## 1.7 Recommendations

1.7.1 Please see substantive report to follow.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Director of Planning Transport and Leisure

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The decision in this report is concerned with a response to Government Consultation.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	See above.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

*In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.*