

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

28 March 2012

### Report of the Leader and Chief Executive

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Recommendation to Council

#### 1 COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2012/15

As part of the Council's policy framework, on 6 March 2012 Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed a set of seven key priorities for the Council for 2012/15, subject to a minor amendment to the wording of the priority concerning children and young people. This amendment has now been made and included in this report for endorsement by Cabinet.

#### 1.1 Key Priorities for 2012/15

1.1.1 "During 2012/15 we will work with a range of partners and our local communities towards achieving the following key priorities:

- A clean, smart, well maintained and sustainable Borough.
- Healthy living opportunities and community well-being.
- Children and young people who are safe, involved and able to access positive activities.
- Low levels of crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.
- A continuing supply of homes, including affordable housing to buy and rent, and prevention of homelessness.
- Continued delivery of priority services and a financially viable Council.
- Sustainable regeneration of Tonbridge town centre and economic development in communities across the Borough."

#### 1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 There is no direct statutory requirement to specify a set of key priorities, although 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.

### 1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

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

### 1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 Cabinet is recommended to endorse the revised set of seven key priorities set out in paragraph 1.1.1 for adoption by Council.

Background papers:  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda of  
6 March 2012

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<b>Screening for equality impacts:</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Explanation of impacts</b>
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	Equalities issues may need to be addressed in identifying and implementing improvement actions, not at this approval of priorities stage.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	As above
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?	N/A	

*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*