

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

20 February 2008

Report of Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 15

The constitution requires the Chief Executive to submit a report to Council whenever the urgency provisions under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(i) are invoked. This report outlines where these provisions have been invoked in respect of Capital Grants to Village Halls and Community Centres 2008/09.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 At the meeting of the Finance and Property Advisory Board on 2 January 2008 consideration was given to five applications received for financial support under the partnership scheme with Kent County Council and other district councils in Kent. On the recommendation of the Advisory Board the Cabinet Member for Finance approved the award of grants as set out in the joint report of the Director of Finance and Chief Leisure Officer. In view of the need to meet the County Council's timescale for submission of applications, it was decided to invoke the urgency provisions under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(i). This provides that the call-in procedure shall not apply where the delay would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest.

1.1.2 In order that the decision could be implemented immediately it was resolved, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and the Group Leaders, that the decision was an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in (Decision No D080001MEM).

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 Under the Council's Constitution Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(i) provides that executive decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next appropriate meeting of the Council together with the reasons for urgency.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 Not applicable.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Not applicable.

Background papers:

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Cabinet Member decision notice.

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