

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Council Decision

1 ALCOHOL CONTROL ZONES

To update Members on the progress made in relation to establishing the Alcohol Control Zones in the borough and to propose the designation of further areas in the light of consultation.

1.1 Update on progress

- 1.1.1 Members will recall that Alcohol Control Zones were proposed for Tonbridge, Borough Green, Wrotham, Platt, Snodland, Leybourne and West Malling. Alcohol Control Zones will give police additional powers to deal with the problems of anti-social drinking in public spaces.
- 1.1.2 A consultation was undertaken which gave residents, parish councils, licensed premises and other interested parties the opportunity to comment on the zones. The consultation period ended on 30 June. The proposed zones were advertised in accordance with the requirements of the legislation. A newspaper advertisement was placed, letters were sent to each parish council and licensed premises and the proposed zones were also available to view on the Community Safety Partnership website.
- 1.1.3 The responses received in relation to the proposed zones are attached at Annex 1. These responses have been considered by officers at the Borough Council. Further comments from Chief Inspector Tony Thomas and District Inspector Dave Pate from Kent Police will be reported at the meeting, along with any further responses received from consultees.
- 1.1.4 Annex 2 shows maps of the zones. These maps show the original proposed zones but also include additional areas raised during the consultation.
- 1.1.5 There were no responses received in relation to the proposed zone for Tonbridge and therefore it is suggested that the proposed area for the zone should be agreed as originally planned.

- 1.1.6 As discussed above, Annex 1 gives details of the comments received in relation to the proposed zones and also provides responses to these comments. In relation to the responses received for Snodland, Leybourne, Platt, Wrotham and Borough Green, it is recommended that the additional areas requested should be included and that the original draft zones should be extended to cover these areas (as shown in Annex 2).
- 1.1.7 In relation to the proposed zone for West Malling, the Parish Council did not feel that a zone was required. However, the Police feel that the zone will be of benefit in reducing anti-social drinking in public places and that this would be an additional tool for the police. Therefore the map attached at Annex 2, shows the original proposed zone with no amendments.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 The legal implications of designation are set out in the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001. The process of designation has followed the requirements of those regulations.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 The costs of designation can be met within existing Community Safety Partnership budgets.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 As dealt with in the report.

1.5 Recommendation

- 1.5.1 The Cabinet **BE REQUESTED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that an order, pursuant to the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001, be made in respect of those areas set out at Annex 2 to this report as places where restrictions apply to the consumption of alcohol in designated public places.

Background papers:

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Nil

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