

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL

14 May 2013

Joint Report of the Leader and Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMITTEES, ADVISORY BOARDS AND PANELS

This report proposes some changes to advisory boards to reflect revised Cabinet portfolios and the rationalisation of those boards and panels which rarely meet.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 A review of the priorities, challenges and capacity of the organisation has been undertaken and where there are Advisory Boards or Panels that have not met for some time, or meet only infrequently, we have taken the view that these should be deleted as part of a restructure of the overall programme. These proposals are set out in the table at the **Annex** to the report. The main changes to the Advisory Boards are brought about by the merging of Cabinet portfolios i.e. Communities with Health and Finance with Innovation and Improvement. A new Economic Development portfolio and Advisory Board is also planned.
- 1.1.2 A number of specific subject Panels which rarely meet are proposed for deletion and their functions subsumed into other Boards as required.
- 1.1.3 It is also proposed that the function of the Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee be transferred to the parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.1.4 The proposed changes may be summarised as follows:
- Merged Communities and Health Advisory Board
 - Merged Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board
 - New Economic Regeneration Advisory Board
 - Deletion of Health and Wellbeing Advisory Board
 - Deletion of Innovation and Improvement Advisory Board
 - Deletion of Car Parking Charges Advisory Board

- Deletion of Community Enhancement Fund, Community Infrastructure Levy, Gypsy and Travellers Issues, Local Plan, Management Liaison, Tonbridge Town Centre Panels
- Deletion of Community Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 Not applicable.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Not applicable.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

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

1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 The Council is invited to **APPROVE** the proposals set out in Section 1.1 to this report and **AUTHORISE** the Monitoring Officer to make the appropriate consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution where these are needed to give effect to the proposals.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Leader of the Council

Julie Beilby
Chief Executive

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	

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	
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.