

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Economic
Regeneration**

**Decision No:
D150022MEM**

Date: 25 February 2015

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Consultants Study - the Case for West Kent

(Report of Chief Executive)

The key findings of ‘The Case for West Kent’ consultant’s study into the importance of the West Kent economy, commissioned by the West Kent Partnership, were set out for consideration. It was reported that these recommendations would be assessed in detail and an action plan prepared to take them forward.

A review of the structure and Membership of the Partnership would also be undertaken with a view to attracting greater representation from local businesses.

Following consideration by the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration resolved that:

- (1) the Case for West Kent consultant’s report, attached in part as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted; and
- (2) a further report on the actions arising be made to the Advisory Board in due course.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 25 March 2015.

Signed Cabinet Member for
Economic Regeneration

J Balcombe

Signed Leader:

N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive:

J Beilby

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Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Draft Borough Economic Regeneration Strategy

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report presented a draft Economic Regeneration Strategy for consideration and set out arrangements for consultation and adoption.

Members recognised the importance of effective infrastructure to local businesses and suggested that consideration be given to aligning future infrastructure funding priorities to Kent County Council's 'scoring matrix' when developing projects, to improve the chances of securing funding contributions.

Following consideration by the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration resolved that:

The draft Economic Regeneration Strategy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for the purposes of local consultation.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 25 February 2015.

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Business Loan Funding Schemes - Update

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report reviewed the local take up of the Escalate loan fund and set out options for future support. Proposals for the introduction of a small business boost programme to support small and medium sized businesses and encourage more local firms to apply were also presented.

Following consideration by the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration resolved that:

- (1) the success of the Escalate business loan scheme be noted; and
- (2) the County Council be informed of the Borough Council's preference for the introduction of a 'small business boost' element in any future loan programme.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 25 March 2015.

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Grant Support Scheme - Local Neighbourhood Centres

(Joint report of Chief Executive and Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration)

Proposals were set out for extending grant support for local neighbourhood shopping centres, building on the district centre grant scheme launched in 2013.

It was noted that a six month deadline for applications to be submitted would be applied. In addition, Members identified Quarry Hill Parade, Tonbridge as a potential eligible neighbourhood retail centre.

Following consideration by the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration resolved that:

The proposed grant scheme to support neighbourhood retail centres, as detailed in the report and its Annex, be approved.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 25 March 2015.

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