

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet
Decision No: D140039CAB
Date: 25 March 2014

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Housing Assistance Policy 2014-2016

(Item SH 14/4 referred from Strategic Housing Advisory Board minutes of 24 February 2014)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Strategic Housing Advisory Board of 24 February 2014.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Strategic Housing Advisory Board be approved as follows:

The revised Housing Assistance Policy, as detailed at Annex 1 to the report, be approved.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Strategic Housing Advisory Board of 24 February 2014.

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

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Poult Wood Golf Centre - Charges

(Item LAA 14/4 referred from Leisure and Arts Advisory Board minutes of 12 March 2014)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Leisure and Arts Advisory Board of 12 March 2014.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Leisure and Arts Advisory Board be approved as follows:

- 1) the proposed core charges for Poult Wood Golf Centre set out at Annex 1 to the report be approved and implemented by the Leisure Trust from 1 April 2014; and
- 2) the Leisure Trust's proposed new membership options be supported and the proposed new membership priority booking status with a 48 hour advanced window for tee time bookings for Poult Wood Golf Centre be agreed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure and Arts Advisory Board of 12 March 2014.

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Peer Challenge

Consideration was given to proposed arrangements for the corporate peer challenge, led by a team organised by the Local Government Association, to take place between 28 and 30 April 2014. It was noted that the peer challenge would focus on economic regeneration as one core theme but would also cover a number of corporate issues. It was intended that the outcome of the review including any specific recommendations be reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet on 25 June 2014.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The arrangements for the forthcoming Peer Challenge, as set out in the report, be endorsed.

Reasons: As set out in the report of the Chief Executive.

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Flood Support Schemes

The report gave details of a number of flood support schemes recently announced by the Government which would be administered by local authorities. Consideration was given to the proposed approach to be taken by the Borough Council in respect of each scheme.

The Cabinet resolved that:

- 1) discretionary rate relief be granted after all other reliefs have first been applied for those businesses which meet the eligibility criteria set out at paragraph 1.2.1 of the report;
- 2) the Business Support Scheme be administered as detailed at paragraph 1.2.6 of the report;
- 3) a council tax discount be awarded for the three-month period April to June 2014 for those home owners who meet the eligibility criteria set out at paragraph 1.3.1 of the report; and
- 4) the Repair and Renew Grant Scheme be administered as detailed at paragraph 1.4.2 of the report.

Reasons: As set out in the report of the Management Team.

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Retail Rate Relief

The report gave details of the Government's retail rate relief scheme including the guidance recently issued and consideration was given to the approval of a policy for granting such relief.

The Cabinet resolved that:

- 1) the retail rate relief scheme be applied equally to charity shops;
- 2) subject to receipt of clarification from the Department for Communities and Local Government, retail rate relief be granted to retail premises not in town centres and retail premises of a 'one-off' nature, for example, retail premises located on farms;
- 3) a scheme of retail rate relief as set out in paragraphs 1.2.1 and 1.2.4 of the report be approved; and
- 4) the Director of Finance and Transformation be given delegated authority to grant relief in accordance with the adopted scheme subject to any disputed entitlement to relief being referred to the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board.

Reasons: As set out in the report of the Director of Finance and Transformation.

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Local Retail Centres - Engagement

(Item ERG 14/4 referred from Economic Regeneration Advisory Board minutes of 26 February 2014)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 26 February 2014.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board be approved as follows:

- 1) the outcome of discussions with local traders held to date be noted; and
- 2) authority be delegated to the Cabinet Members for Economic Regeneration and for Finance, Innovation and Property to make decisions regarding applications for grant support from local traders groups.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 26 February 2014.

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Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan Response to Consultation

(Item PE 14/8 referred from Planning and Transportation Advisory Board minutes of 11 March 2014)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 11 March 2014.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board be approved as follows:

The proposed responses in the report be used as the basis for ongoing discussion with Kent County Council and inform the Borough Council's formal response to the consultation on the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (Pre-Submission, January 2014).

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 11 March 2014.

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Debts for Write Off

(LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 2 – Information likely to reveal information about an individual)

Approval of the writing-off of debts considered to be irrecoverable. Details were also given of debts under £1,000 which had been written-off in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule 17.2 together with cumulative totals of debts in the current and previous financial years and information on budgeted bad debt provision.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The 15 items shown in the schedule of amounts over £1,000, totalling £34,260.36, be written-off for the reasons stated within the schedule.

Reasons: As set out in the report of the Director of Finance and Transformation (contains exempt information).

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