

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

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

**Decision No:
D170017MEM**

Date: 22 February 2017

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Economic Regeneration Strategy Action Plan - Review and Update

(Report of the Chief Executive)

The report provided a detailed overview of the progress made in delivering the Economic Regeneration Strategy Action Plan during 2016. Overall, good progress was being made on a wide range of initiatives and these were set out in Annex 1 to the report.

It was indicated that 'business advice and support' would also offer guidance regarding the changes to business rates and the Borough Council would continue to lobby Government on behalf of local businesses.

Reference was made to the three year survival rates, set out in Annex 2 to the report, and it was suggested that comparisons throughout Kent and the United Kingdom be included in future to provide context.

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

- (1) the Borough Council Economic Regeneration Strategy Action Plan update, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be endorsed;
- (2) the amendments to the targets relating to certain indicators reflecting 'previous performance, as set out in paragraph 1.2.7 of the report, be agreed; and
- (3) the priorities for 2017/18, as set out in paragraph 1.3.1 of the report, be agreed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 28 February 2017.

Signed Cabinet Member for
Economic Regeneration and N Heslop
Leader

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

Date of publication: 24 February 2017

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Skills and Work Readiness

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report provided feedback on the findings of the Skills Panel held in November 2016. A series of actions intended to contribute towards improving skills attainment and careers guidance were also set out.

In addition, proposals for new initiatives were outlined and included the establishment of an Enterprise Adviser Network, taster days and Make It Work and Speed Networking events.

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

- (1) the feedback from the Skills Panel be noted; and
- (2) the proposed next steps and initiatives set out in paragraphs 1.3.1 – 1.3.7 of the report, and summarised above, be supported and endorsed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 28 February 2017.

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