

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration

**Decision No:
D180018MEM**

Date: 21 February 2018

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Update on the Borough Economic Regeneration Strategy Action Plan for 2017/18 and Priorities for 2018/19

(Report of Chief Executive)

A detailed overview of the progress made in delivering the Economic Regeneration Strategy Action Plan during 2017/18 was provided and it was reported that overall good progress was being made across a wide range of initiatives.

The proposed priorities for 2018/19 were also set out and these were influenced by progress made in specific areas, as well as the level of future financial resources. Actions key to the effective delivery of the Economic Regeneration Strategy were detailed at 1.3.1 of the report.

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

- (1) the Economic Regeneration Strategy Action Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed; and
- (2) the priorities for 2018/19, as set out at 1.3.1 of the report, be agreed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 21 February 2018.

Signed Cabinet Member for
Economic Regeneration
and Leader:

N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive:

J Beilby

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Skills and Work Readiness Update

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report provided an update on added value activities that the Borough Council had been delivering under the 'skills and work readiness' agenda and proposed future activity for 2018/19.

Members welcomed the positive outcomes related to the West Kent Enterprise Adviser Network and suggested that a future meeting of the Advisory Board focus on this initiative and consideration be given to inviting the local co-ordinator, employers, the Federation of Small Businesses, West Kent College and users of the course to share their experiences.

Following consideration by the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration resolved that the proposals for 2018/19, as detailed in paragraph 1.4.1 of the report, be endorsed

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 21 February 2018.

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Tonbridge Fairtrade Town - Proposal

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report set out proposals aimed at making Tonbridge a Fairtrade town and the Borough Council's support of the initiative was sought. In addition, a local Fairtrade Steering Group, with a nominated Borough Council representative, was required to ensure continued development and support

A draft resolution in support of the Fairtrade town initiative was set out at paragraph 1.4.1 of the report. For clarity, whilst the draft resolution encouraged the supply of Fairtrade products in the Borough Council offices it was noted that the organisation no longer had canteen facilities on site.

Members were supportive of the proposals for a Fairtrade Town and strongly encouraged balanced representation of the business community on the Steering Group.

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

- (1) the resolution set out in paragraph 1.4.1 of the report be supported; and
- (2) a representative from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council be appointed to the Tonbridge Fairtrade Steering Group

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 21 February 2018.

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