

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure

**Decision No:
D180021MEM**

Date: 06 March 2018

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Local Plan

(Report of Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health)

The report set out a revised timetable for preparing the Local Plan following the publication of 'Building the Right Homes in the Right Places' by the Government for consultation in September 2017. In addition, an update in respect of the most recent elements of the Local Plan evidence base that had been finalised or updated was provided.

Subsequent to the preparation of the report, Members were advised that a draft version of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) had been published and was out for consultation until 10 May 2018, along with various other documents including one dealing with developer contributions.

Particular reference was made to the transitional arrangements proposed which provided for Local Plans submitted to the Secretary of State within 6 months of the final NPPF being published to be assessed under the current NPPF, rather than the proposed new standardised methodology for calculating housing need which would be a significantly higher figure for many local authorities.

For Tonbridge and Malling this meant that Objectively Assessed Needs of 696 new homes per year and associated evidence already prepared and used to inform 'The Way Forward' regulation 18 consultation document could continue to form the basis for the Borough's Local Plan.

It was proposed that every effort should be made to submit the Borough's Local Plan to the Secretary of State within the 6 month transitional period which was anticipated to be December 2018 at the latest.

Following consideration by the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure resolved that:

- (1) the progress on the Local Plan evidence base be noted;
- (2) the revised timetable for preparing the Local Plan, as summarised in the report

and set out in Annex 1 be agreed, subject to:

every effort being made to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State by end of December 2018 to take advantage of the transitional arrangements proposed in the draft National Planning Policy Framework; and

- (3) the proposed new Local Plan be brought forward for consideration at the next two meetings of the Advisory Board and subsequently reported to Cabinet and Council in September 2018.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 6 March 2018.

Signed Cabinet Member for
Strategic Planning and
Infrastructure H Rogers

Signed Leader: N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

Date of publication: 9 March 2018

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.

