

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet
Decision No: D160061CAB
Date: 06 September 2016

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Local Plan - The Way Forward

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

The report addressed the key points raised at the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board on 5 July 2016 and updated documents and arrangements that would form the basis of the Local Plan public consultation due to commence later in September. In particular, a succinct summary of The Way Forward had been prepared to raise awareness of the Local Plan process and point the reader to the main consultation documents which had also been edited to reflect Members' comments.

The revised Way Forward document, including a new executive summary and larger scale map of the potential development strategy, together with an "infographic" summarising the key points were presented for approval. A supplementary report highlighted some further amendments to The Way Forward document. These documents, together with the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report and Habitat Regulations Assessment report (considered by the Advisory Board in July), would form the basis of the consultations.

It was agreed that a number of matters raised during discussion be incorporated in the final consultation document including an explanation of Planning by Appeal in section 2.4; a review of the wording of Plan Objective 2 in section 4.5; and provision of an indication of size of potential developable areas in section 5.9.

The Cabinet recorded thanks to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, the Planning Policy Manager and his team for all their work on the Local Plan.

The Cabinet resolved that:

- (1) the documents appended to the report form the basis of the Local Plan Regulation 18 public consultations as described in section 1.3 of the report; and

(2) the amendments appended to the supplementary report be incorporated into “The Way Forward” document together with the adjustments outlined above and any other minor editing alterations identified by the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health to further improve clarity.

Reasons: As set out in the report and supplementary report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health.

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

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West Malling Parish Neighbourhood Area

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

The report advised that West Malling Parish Council had made an application to designate the whole of the parished area as a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with the Localism Act. Details were given of the process for considering the application and a supplementary schedule was presented providing a summary of responses to the public consultation exercise.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The designation of the West Malling Parish Neighbourhood Area shown at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

Reasons: As set out in the report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health.

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Business Rates Retention Consultation and Fair Funding Review

(Report of Director of Finance and Transformation)

The report provided an overview of and proposed response to two Department for Communities and Local Government consultation papers entitled “Self-sufficient Local Government: 100% Business Rates Retention Consultation Document” and “Fair Funding Review: Call for Evidence on Needs and Redistribution”.

The responses reflected the Council’s experience in respect of Aylesford Newsprint and it was suggested that a covering letter be prepared explaining its position and the support of the local MPs be canvassed.

The Cabinet resolved that:

- (1) the proposed response to the Self-sufficient Local Government: 100% Business Rates Retention Consultation, as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be approved;
- (2) the proposed response to the paper Fair Funding Review: Call for Evidence on Needs and Redistribution, as set out at Annex 2 to the report, be approved; and
- (3) a covering letter be prepared to set the responses in context, with copies to the two local Members of Parliament.

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

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