

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet

Decision No: D180060CAB

Date: 10 October 2018

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

West Kent Partnership - Business Rates Retention Pilot: Housing and Commercial Growth Fund

(Item ERG 18/20 referred from Economic Regeneration Advisory Board minutes of 5 September 2018)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 5 September 2018.

The Cabinet resolved that:

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

The economic projects for West Kent as a whole and those for Tonbridge and Malling as set out at paragraphs 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 of the report be endorsed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 5 September 2018.

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

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Decision Taken By: Cabinet
Decision No: D180061CAB
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Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Class C Empty Property Council Tax Discount and Long Term Empty Homes Premium

(Item FIP 18/29 referred from Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board minutes of 17 September 2018)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board of 17 September 2018.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board be approved as follows:

- (1) the Class C empty property discount be removed with effect from 1 April 2019 for a trial period of one year and a report back on any implications; and
- (2) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Finance and Transformation in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Innovation and Property to apply a long term empty homes premium of 100% from April 2019 if Regulations allow.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board of 17 September 2018.

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Garden Communities Prospectus - Expression of Interest

(Report of Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer)

The report summarised the most recent Garden Communities Prospectus published by the Government and sought approval to prepare an expression of interest for assistance in respect of the strategic development site at Borough Green being promoted through the emerging Local Plan. In view of the 9 November deadline, consideration was given to the delegation of authority to finalise and submit a bid with support from the promoters of the site, Kent County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

The Cabinet resolved that:

- (1) the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) authority be delegated to the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, to finalise an expression of interest for submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by 9 November 2018.

Reasons: As set out in the report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer.

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Review of Youth Engagement, Sports and Events Development

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report gave details of the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 21 June 2018 regarding a review of the Council's approach to youth engagement, sports and events development. Reference was also made to a number of additional matters highlighted for the Cabinet's consideration.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved as follows:

- (1) the contribution made by the Council's delivery of Youth Engagement, Sports and Events Services to the achievement of its strategic objectives be acknowledged;
- (2) the suggested changes to the existing delivery arrangements as outlined in the report and Annexes 1 – 3 be agreed;
- (3) the associated savings of £14,940 to the Council's annual revenue budget be included and reflected in the 2018/19 revised revenue budgets;
- (4) additional income generating opportunities be explored to include the potential to re-charge licensing costs to organisers of commercial events and the potential introduction of an administration fee for community events on Council land dependent on, and related to, the scale;
- (5) the proposal put forward by the Tonbridge Town Team to establish a joint working group to help co-ordinate and develop events be investigated;
- (6) a further review of the costs and benefits of marketing and publicity activities across all Council services be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a view to reducing such costs where possible;
- (7) wider use of social media to promote youth activities be encouraged;
- (8) a wider participation of schools across the Borough in the Youth Forum be promoted via the Enterprise Advisor Network; and

- (9) a report be made to the Communities and Housing Advisory Board in one year's time to update on progress made in relation to the recommendations arising from the Review of Youth Engagement, Sports and Events Development.

Reasons: As set out in the reports of the Chief Executive to Cabinet and the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Proposed Disposal of Amenity Land at Keats Road, Larkfield

(LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 3 – Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

(Item FIP 18/38 referred from Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board minutes of 17 September 2018)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board of 17 September 2018. As requested, further information was given on the valuation of the land.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board be approved as follows:

The area of amenity land at Keats Road, Larkfield be disposed of in line with the conditions set out in the report.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board of 17 September 2018 (contains exempt information).

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Proposed Lease at Swanmead Sportsground, Tonbridge

(LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 3 – Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

(Item FIP 18/39 referred from Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board minutes of 17 September 2018)

Consideration of recommendations to the Cabinet from the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board of 17 September 2018. Clarification of the details of the proposed lease was provided as requested.

The Cabinet resolved that:

The recommendations of the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board be approved as follows:

A lease of land adjacent to Swanmead Sportsground Pavilion to the Cricket Club be approved on the basis of the conditions outlined in the report.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board of 17 September 2018 (contains exempt information).

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