

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure

**Decision No:
D200085MEM**

Date: 11 November 2020

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Development Management Update

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

Members were updated on a number of matters related to the Development Management function during the current year.

It was reported that the ongoing work, as set out in the report, would ensure that all functions undertaken by the Development Management team continued to meet all statutory duties and requirements. In addition, all these services were managed within existing budgets.

Members commented on the quality of the technical advice provided by Officers which had resulted in a successful record of defending planning appeals and the Borough Council consistently performing above national targets.

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

- the contents of the report be noted; and
- the provision of excellent technical advice, service and expertise on a range of planning issues be recognised and appreciated

Reasons:

As set out in the report submitted to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 11 November 2020.

Signed Cabinet Member for
Strategic Planning and
Infrastructure

Signed Leader:

N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

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D200086MEM**

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Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Kent Rail Strategy Consultation

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

The report provided details of the Kent Rail Strategy consultation and set out a proposed response (attached as Annex 1) to be submitted to Kent County Council by the deadline of 17 November 2020.

The Kent Rail Strategy aimed to influence train services in the county for the next decade and set out requirements for rail infrastructure enhancements to keep pace with increased demand for services. The Borough Council expressed support for the Strategy as it included known rail priorities for Tonbridge and Malling. In addition, a greater role for the Medway Valley Line was promoted by the Borough Council in the proposed response to the consultation.

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

- (1) the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) the issues raised in response to the Kent Rail Strategy consultation (set out in Annex 1 to the report) be agreed by the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader and Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, and submitted to Kent County Council by the deadline of 17 November 2020; subject to emphasising the value of the Medway Valley Line as an important strategic link for the north of the borough and Tonbridge.

Reasons:

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