

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Street Scene
and Environment Services**

**Decision No:
D210017MEM**

Date: 09 February 2021

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Climate Change Forum

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report outlined the format for a proposed “Climate Change Forum” to establish wider engagement on climate change issues.

Following consideration by the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services resolved that:

- (1) the format of the proposed Climate Change Forum, as outlined at section 1.2 of the report, be endorsed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board of 9 February 2021.

Signed Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services R Betts

Signed Leader: N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

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Priory Wood, Tonbridge - Landfill Gas Investigation - Update

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

The report provided an update on the monitoring of landfill gas levels at the Priory Wood site in Tonbridge and outlined a number of possible refinements to the Quantitative Risk Assessment undertaken since 2019. Particular attention was drawn to the consultants' recommendation to undertake an Infrastructure Report in respect of the gas extraction system which provided an important safeguard to residential properties (Annex 4 refers). It was noted that, currently, the gases generated within the landfill posed a moderate to low risk to site users and those properties within the immediate vicinity of the public open space.

Following consideration by the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services resolved that:

- (1) a Gas Extraction System Condition Survey, as set out at Annex 4 to the report, be undertaken; and
- (2) the Environmental Protection team undertake monthly monitoring of gas levels to keep the situation under review and any changes be reported to a future meeting of the Advisory Board.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board of 9 February 2021.

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Wildflower Strip on Amenity Open space

(Report of Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services)

Consideration was given to the potential introduction of wildflower strips on areas of amenity open space to support increased biodiversity. The report outlined liaison undertaken with the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership and the Council's grounds maintenance contractor regarding a potential trial location in Tonbridge. It was noted that the outcome of the trial and an assessment of additional borough-wide opportunities would be reported to a future meeting of the Advisory Board.

Following consideration by the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services resolved that:

- (1) the proposed trial of a roadside nature reserve on amenity open space at Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge be progressed; and
- (2) liaison be undertaken with the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership and the Council's ground maintenance contractor on the potential for proposals across the wider borough and a report submitted to a future meeting of the Advisory Board.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board of 9 February 2021.

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