

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 17th March, 2021

At the meeting of the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council held online via MS Teams on Wednesday, 17th March, 2021

Present: Her Worship the Mayor (Councillor Mrs J A Anderson), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R V Roud), Cllr M C Base, Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr Mrs S Bell, Cllr R P Betts, Cllr T Bishop, Cllr J L Botten, Cllr D Boughton, Cllr V M C Branson, Cllr G C Bridge, Cllr C Brown, Cllr R I B Cannon, Cllr A E Clark, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr D J Cooper, Cllr R W Dalton, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr M O Davis, Cllr Mrs T Dean, Cllr N Foyle, Cllr N J Heslop, Cllr P M Hickmott, Cllr M A J Hood, Cllr F A Hoskins, Cllr S A Hudson, Cllr D Keers, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr A Kennedy, Cllr K King, Cllr J R S Lark, Cllr D Lettington, Cllr Mrs R F Lettington, Cllr B J Luker, Cllr P J Montague, Cllr Mrs A S Oakley, Cllr L J O'Toole, Cllr W E Palmer, Cllr M R Rhodes, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr J L Sergison, Cllr N G Stapleton, Cllr K B Tanner, Cllr Mrs M Tatton, Cllr M Taylor, Cllr Miss G E Thomas, Cllr D Thornewell and Cllr C J Williams

PART 1 - PUBLIC

C 21/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

C 21/19 BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW - COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION

The report of the Chief Executive provided an overview of the Boundary Commission Review process. Proposals regarding the future size of the Borough Council using an evidence base that analysed the operation of the organisation in recent years were also outlined.

There had been in-depth discussion on the proposals at the General Purposes Committee held immediately before the extraordinary meeting of Council. A number of views had been considered and the concerns raised regarding the level of representation provided to local communities and the quality of decision making if the size of the council was reduced significantly had been noted.

It was confirmed that the Boundary Commission would have regard to all submissions received and that individuals and/or groups were able to submit their own submissions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the approach and conclusion to reduce the future size of the Council to 'in the region' of 43 Councillors, as recommended by the General Purposes Committee and as set out at Minute Number GP 21/8, be approved.

C 21/20 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: That authority be given for the Common Seal of the Council to be affixed to any instrument to give effect to a decision of the Council incorporated into these Minutes and proceedings.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm
after starting at 8.25 pm