

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet

Decision No: D220052CAB

Decision Type: Key

Date: 07 June 2022

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Car Parking Fees and Charges - Outcome of Public Consultation

(Joint report of Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and Director of Finance and Transformation)

The Cabinet considered the objections and comments received during the statutory consultation period related to proposed off-street car parking charges. The proposals related to the existing car parks where charges were already in place in Tonbridge, West Malling, Borough Green, Blue Bell Hill and the country parks.

A summary of the responses received and the associated officer advice was set out in the report.

Whilst careful consideration was given to the responses received it was recognised that the introduction and management of parking charges was effective in maintaining accessible short-stay parking and in managing demand for long-stay parking. This assisted in generating availability of spaces for short-stay shopping visits and people working in and commuting from the Borough.

The Cabinet resolved: That

- (1) the proposed parking charges outlined in the report, and detailed in the Traffic Regulation Order advertisement at Annex 1, be approved to come into effect in July 2022; subject to
 - (i) nearby residents to the Ryarsh Lane car park in West Malling being offered the ability to purchase an annual season ticket; and
 - (ii) the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order being made to facilitate the variation of the off-street parking charges.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to Cabinet of 7 June 2022

Signed Chief Executive:

J Beilby

Date of publication: 9 June 2022

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Revenue and Capital Outturn 2021/22

(Joint report of Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Transformation)

In accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules, consideration was given to information detailing actual Revenue and Outturn for the year ended March 2022. Subsequent adjustments made in light of the Outturn position were also considered. In addition, the report set out how the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Savings and Transformation Strategy might be impacted by the current global economic situation.

Despite a positive outturn position, the Borough Council continued to face a difficult and challenging financial outlook which was exacerbated by the conflict in Ukraine and its impact on global economic conditions. The high level of inflation could worsen and these levels had not been reflected in the last local government finance settlement. Whilst it was difficult to predict the financial impact on the Borough Council it was possible that the 'funding gap' could now sit between £2.5m and £3.0m, although it could be more.

Concern was expressed in respect of the significant challenges faced by the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust as a result of rising energy prices. The Cabinet welcomed the setting aside of £500,000 to support energy efficiency measures and it was hoped that renewable energy sources could be considered at Borough Council facilities.

The Cabinet resolved: That

- (1) the Revenue and Capital Outturn for the year 2021/22 be noted and endorsed;**
- (2) the action taken following a review of specific earmarked reserves, set out at paragraph 1.2.3, be noted and endorsed;**
- (3) the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy Review 2021/22, (as set out at Annex 4) be noted and endorsed;**
- (4) in order to ensure that the target of £350,000 is achieved by the start of the financial year 2023/24, a comprehensive report detailing all strands of work being undertaken in respect of the Savings and Transformation Strategy, including progress being made on achieving targets and outcomes be presented to Cabinet in November 2022; and**

(5) in respect of the significant external factors of high energy prices, the Borough Council should write to central government adding its support to calls for financial support for the public sector leisure industry and seeking grants for renewable energy sources.

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Proposed Letting of Unit 29, Martin Square, Larkfield

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

(Report of Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive)

The report set out proposals for the letting of Unit 29, Martin Square, Larkfield.

The Cabinet resolved: That

- (1) the granting of a lease of 29 Martin Square, Larkfield, as detailed in the report, be approved.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to Cabinet of 7 June 2022 (contains exempt information)

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