

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet
Decision No: D240020CAB
Decision Type: Key
Date: 13 February 2024

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Recycling Bring Sites

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

Consideration was given to recommendation CE 24/4 of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 7 February 2024 in respect of arrangements for recycling bring sites.

Cabinet had due regard to the views of the Scrutiny Select Committee, the financial and value for money considerations and legal implications and recognised that, in terms of cost per tonne of recyclate, the collection of glass, plastics paper and card and cans from the kerbside provided better value for money than collection from bring sites.

RESOLVED: That all remaining sites be removed due to the reasons detailed at section 1.2 of the report.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 7 February 2024.

Signed Leader:

M Boughton

Signed Interim Deputy Chief Executive:

S Sharon

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Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Discount Sale Affordable Home Ownership Policy

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

Approval was sought for a new policy outlining the Borough Council's approach to affordable home ownership properties under the Discount Open Market Value and First Homes Schemes. The Policy (attached at Annex 1) set out eligibility criteria for affordable home ownership including local connection and outlined the process for sales.

Careful consideration was given to the local criteria and approach (outlined in 1.2) proposed, the financial and value for money considerations and legal implications. On the grounds that a Policy would help formalise the Borough Council's approach to discount home ownership sales and prioritise homes towards meeting local need, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing welcomed the Policy set out at Annex 1. This initiative was supported by the Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Discounted Sale Affordable Homes Policy be approved and adopted; and
- (2) delegated authority given to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing, to approve any minor changes to the Policy and related or supporting documents (such as procedure).

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to Cabinet on 13 February 2024.

Signed Leader:

M Boughton

Signed Interim Deputy Chief Executive:

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Climate Change Gap Analysis of progress towards Carbon Neutral 2030

Consideration was given to recommendation OS 24/11 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 25 January 2024 in respect of the progress being made towards Carbon Neutral 2030.

Cabinet had due regard to the views of the Scrutiny Select Committee, the financial and value for money considerations and legal implications and recognised that whilst good progress had initially been made by the Borough Council in reducing emissions the total emissions from the organisations estate and operations were no longer reducing. The difficulties associated with achieving carbon neutral by 2030 were also recognised.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) climate change be included as a mandatory heading for all Committee and Scrutiny Select Committee report templates (as set out in 1.3.5 to 1.3.8);
- (2) an assessment of the potential of each Directorate and Portfolio to contribute to achieving carbon neutral by 2030 should be carried out (as set out in 1.3.9 and 1.3.10);
- (3) the 2024/25 climate change action plan be prepared with significant further ambition and new commitments (as set out in 1.3.11); and
- (4) the corporate climate change function support teams in the delivery of recommended actions.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 25 January 2025.

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Review of Pest Control Service

Consideration was given to recommendation CE 24/6 of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 7 February 2024 in respect of the pest control service.

Cabinet had due regard to the views of the Scrutiny Select Committee, the financial and value for money considerations and legal implications and recognised that whilst there was no statutory requirement to provide a pest control service this had to be balanced with the needs of residents, especially the availability of subsidised treatments to assist vulnerable households. On the grounds of ensuring value for money and appropriate budget setting given the Borough Council's financial position, Cllr Boughton proposed that expenditure should be up to the current budget subsidy identified. This was seconded by Cllr Coffin and supported by the Cabinet.

Finally, the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health committed to exploring all options to ensure that service efficiencies were identified and that the process was easy to access.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a pest control service where residents could be referred too and agreed treatments subsidised for those in receipt of Council Tax Reduction up to the current budget subsidy from November 2024 (Option 3) be tendered for; and
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property should a tender be unsuccessful.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 7 February 2024.

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