

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**Decision Taken By: Cabinet**

**Decision No: D250010CAB**

**Decision Type: Non Key**

**Date: 11 February 2025**

**Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

**Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025/26**

**Consideration was given to the draft Annual Service Delivery Plan, a performance management tool that set out the priority actions for the year, along with key milestones and targets that could be used to monitor whether the council was on track with delivery. The Plan also provided the opportunity to realign the Key Performance Indicators, strengthened accountability and aligned priorities with budget setting.**

The draft Plan had been discussed and welcomed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 23 January 2025. Cabinet had due regard to the suggested amendments put forward by the Committee, as set out at paragraph 6.2 of the report.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the draft Annual Service Delivery Plan (attached at Annex 1), be approved;
- (3) any remaining drafting changes be delegated to the Chief Executive in discussion with the Leader of the Council; and
- (4) the proposed process for reporting updates on the Annual Service Delivery Plan, set out in paragraphs 7.1 to 7.3, be approved.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to Cabinet on 11 February 2025.

Signed Leader: M Boughton

Signed Chief Executive: D Roberts

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**MHCLG Consultation: Local Authority Funding Reform - Objectives and Principles**

Careful consideration was given to the proposed responses to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation paper 'Local Authority Funding Reform: Objectives and Principle' which sought views on the approach to local authority funding reform through the local government finance settlement from 2026/27. The consultation also covered both Business Rate Retention, the cessation of New Homes Bonus and Sales, Fees and Charges reform.

Cabinet had due regard to the financial and value for money considerations and legal implications and recognised that the Council had not fared favourably on previous assessments of need and following the consultation in 2018, had anticipated a reduction in government funding within its Medium Term Financial Strategy.

**RESOLVED:** That the draft response to the Local Authority Funding Reform: Objectives and Principles' consultation, be endorsed and that the response be submitted by the deadline of 12 February 2025.

Reasons: As set out in the report to Cabinet on 11 February 2025.

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**Waste Services Contract - Strategic Approach to Service Provision**

**Consideration was given to recommendation CE 25/4 of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 5 February 2025 in respect of the future delivery of the Councils Waste Service Contract.**

Cabinet had due regard to the views of the Scrutiny Select Committee, the commissioning options report, the partnership agreement with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, the financial and value for money considerations and legal implications.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the Borough Council remain in partnership with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for the delivery of the provision of the household waste and recycling collection and street cleansing service;
- (2) the contracting out model remains the Borough Council's preferred commissioning model for the delivery of the provision of the household waste and recycling collection and street cleansing services; and
- (3) a further report be presented to the Communities and Environment Scrutiny and Select Committee to allow for the consideration of key service specification issues and the proposed procurement process for the delivery of the provision of the household waste and recycling collection and street cleansing services.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 5 February 2025.

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**Corporate Complaints Policy Review**

**Consideration was given to recommendation CE 25/7 of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 5 February 2025.**

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the new Corporate Complaints Policy (attached at Annex 3), be adopted; and
- (2) the new Corporate Complaints Policy be implemented from June 2025.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 5 February 2025.

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