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To: MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY
SELECT COMMITTEE
(Copies to all Members of the Council)

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill on Thursday, 18th September, 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Committee are required to attend in person. Other Members may attend in person or participate online via MS Teams.

Information on how to observe the meeting will be published on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

DAMIAN ROBERTS

Chief Executive

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Members in any doubt about such declarations are advised to contact Legal or Democratic Services in advance of the meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP

Cllr S A Hudson (Chair)
Cllr K S Tunstall (Vice-Chair)

Cllr A G Bennison
Cllr S Crisp
Cllr R W Dalton
Cllr Mrs T Dean
Cllr F A Hoskins
Cllr J R S Lark

Cllr A McDermott
Cllr W E Palmer
Cllr S Pilgrim
Cllr M R Rhodes
Cllr Mrs M Tatton

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp-IJISNgoF-ugSzxiAPfw/featured>

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- (3) Should you need this agenda or any of the reports in a different format, or have any other queries concerning the meeting, please contact Democratic Services on committee.services@tmhc.gov.uk in the first instance.

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- Members of the Committee are required to attend in person and be present in the meeting room. Only these Members are able to move/ second or amend motions, and vote.
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- Occasionally, Members of the Committee are unable to attend in person and may join via MS Teams in the same way as other Members. However, they are unable to move/ second or amend motions or vote on any matters if they are not present in the meeting room. As with other Members joining via MS Teams, this does not count towards their formal committee attendance.
- Officers can participate in person or online.

- Members of the public addressing an Area Planning Committee should attend in person. However, arrangements to participate online can be considered in certain circumstances. Please contact committee.services@tmhc.gov.uk for further information.

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Ground Rules:

The meeting will operate under the following ground rules:

- Members in the Chamber should indicate to speak in the usual way and use the fixed microphones in front of them. These need to be switched on when speaking or comments will not be heard by those participating online. Please switch off microphones when not speaking.
- If there any technical issues the meeting will be adjourned to try and rectify them. If this is not possible there are a number of options that can be taken to enable the meeting to continue. These will be explained if it becomes necessary.

For those Members participating online:

- please request to speak using the 'chat or hand raised function';
- please turn off cameras and microphones when not speaking;
- please do not use the 'chat function' for other matters as comments can be seen by all;
- Members may wish to blur the background on their camera using the facility on Microsoft teams.
- Please avoid distractions and general chat if not addressing the meeting
- Please remember to turn off or silence mobile phones

Voting:

Voting may be undertaken by way of a roll call and each Member should verbally respond For, Against, Abstain. The vote will be noted and announced by the Democratic Services Officer.

Alternatively, votes may be taken by general affirmation if it seems that there is agreement amongst Members. The Chairman will announce the outcome of the vote for those participating and viewing online.

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Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee – Substitute Members (if required)					
	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Chris Brown	David Thornevell	Lee Athwal		Paul Hickmott
2	Robert Cannon	Roger Roud	Kath Barton		
3	Dave Davis	Garry Bridge	Anna Cope		
4	Dennis King	Tim Bishop	Mark Hood		
5	Colin Williams	Paul Boxall	Robert Oliver		
Members of Cabinet cannot be appointed as a substitute to this Committee					

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Declarations of interest

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TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, 16th July, 2025

Present: Cllr S A Hudson (Chair), Cllr A G Bennison, Cllr G C Bridge (substitute), Cllr S Crisp, Cllr R W Dalton, Cllr F A Hoskins, Cllr D W King (substitute), Cllr J R S Lark, Cllr A McDermott, Cllr W E Palmer, Cllr S Pilgrim and Cllr M R Rhodes

Cllrs R P Betts, J Clokey, P M Hickmott, M A J Hood, D Keers and Mrs A S Oakley* were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

(*participated via MS Teams)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Tatton and K S Tunstall.

CE 25/17 NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Notification of substitute members were recorded as set out below:

- Cllr G Bridge substituted for Cllr M Tatton
- Cllr D King substituted for Cllr K Tunstall

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules 17.5 to 17.9 these councillors had the same rights as the ordinary member of the committee for whom they were substituting.

CE 25/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

For openness, Councillor James Lark declared that he was the Chair of the Heusenstam Friendship Circle which was a stakeholder of Haysden Country Park, Item 11 on the agenda.

CE 25/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee held on 5 March 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CE 25/20 OUTSIDE BODIES UPDATE - MAIDSTONE MEDIATION SCHEME

Members received a presentation on the recent activities of the Maidstone Mediation Scheme.

The charity offered a free, confidential and impartial mediation service, which had been working in the Tonbridge and Malling community for over 20 years, helping to resolve conflict and the breakdown of relationships between individuals, organisations, families and groups.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

CE 25/21 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME

(Decision Notice D250086MEM)

Member approval was sought on a Community Awards Scheme which would recognise and celebrate individuals, groups and organisations who had made outstanding contributions through volunteering or initiatives that improved the lives of others.

In terms of the categories of award, Members suggested that the 'Individual volunteer of the year' and 'Young community champion' categories be broken down further into age categories.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson (Chair), seconded by Councillor Rhodes and the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) the Community Awards Scheme for Tonbridge and Malling, be approved; and
- (2) the categories of awards and the nomination process, as set out in the report, be agreed.

***Decision taken by Cabinet Member for Community Services**

CE 25/22 CLIMATE CHANGE MONITORING AND REPORTING

(Decision Notice: D250087MEM)

The Council had committed to producing annual climate change action plans and publishing its greenhouse gas emissions (Carbon Audits) to track progress towards the Council's carbon neutral by 2030 aspiration. The report summarised progress achieved to date, the new action plan and trends in emissions from the Council's estate and operations. A progress report for the Climate Change Action Plan Year 5 (2024/25), a Climate Change Action Plan Year 6 (2025/26) and the Carbon Audit for emissions in 2024/25 were attached respectively at Annexes 1, 2 and 3 to the report.

In terms of progress, most actions from the current year's Climate Change Action Plan were either complete or ongoing and the draft Action Plan for 2025-26 continued existing work and introduced new projects, subject to available funding. Members were made aware that the withdrawal of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund posed a challenge, however the Council would monitor and pursue alternative funding opportunities.

Whilst recognising that some increases in emissions were attributed to changes in building use and more accurate reporting rather than significant increases in activity, it was noted that the most significant sources of emissions across the TMBC estate and operations remained leisure facilities and refuse collection vehicles and addressing these would make the largest impact towards the 2030 carbon neutral aspiration. In the next year, the Council would continue to invest in renewable and low carbon technologies, part funded by grants awarded to the Council, to tackle emissions from leisure facilities. Furthermore, the new waste contract would offer an opportunity to take steps to reduce emissions from refuse collection.

During discussion, concern was raised regarding recycling at events, in particular contamination and the need to put the onus on the event organisers to ensure cross contamination did not occur.

Annual monitoring and reporting were essential for tracking progress towards the Council's environmental goals and ensuring accountability on the journey to carbon neutrality by 2030 and Members indicated that they would welcome an annual report on climate change monitoring.

Finally, due regard was given to the finance and value for money considerations and the risk assessment outlined in the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson (Chair), seconded by Councillor Lark and the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee

RECOMMENDED*: That the publication of the Climate Change Action Plan Year 5 Progress Report, the Climate Change Action Plan Year 6 2025/2 and the Carbon Audit 2024/25, be approved.

***Decision taken by Cabinet Member for Housing, Environment and Economy**

CE 25/23 RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION NOTICE

(Decision Notice D250088MEM)

The report gave details about the proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for 2026 and details of the consultation that must take place as part of the PSPO renewal process.

The PSPO had been in place in the borough since April 2017 and was reviewed in 2020 and 2023. The current PSPO was due to end in April 2026 and could be extended for a further three years. The report proposed to proceed with a PSPO containing multiple restrictions. Some of these restrictions were the same as included previously, as evidence had been provided to show that the issues were continuing. In addition, the report proposed one new restriction to prevent camping in the Memorial Gardens, Tonbridge. Furthermore, it was proposed that the restriction relating to the use of drones be amended to 'No person may launch or land a drone from any open space owned by the Borough Council without first obtaining authorisation from the Borough Council'. It was believed that each of the proposed restrictions would help prevent Anti-Social Behaviour in the borough.

Once approved, the Public Space Protection Order would go out for consultation for a six week period and a report would be brought back to a future meeting to give details of the consultation response and allow for a final Order to be confirmed.

On the grounds of public safety and the protection of wildlife, Members supported the inclusion of a new restriction prohibiting unauthorised catapult use, whilst noting that enforcement was only applicable to those persons over the age of 16 years.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson (Chair), seconded by Councillor Pilgrim and the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) the proposed amendments to the Public Space Protection Order, be agreed, subject to the inclusion of an additional restriction prohibiting the unauthorised use of catapults; and
- (2) the amended Public Space Protection Order, go out for public consultation for a six-week period.

***Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Community Services**

CE 25/24 PREVENT STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2025-2028

(Decision Notice D250089MEM)

Members considered the proposed Prevent Action Plan 2025-28, which had been developed in response to the duty under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The Plan set out the Borough Council's actions to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism and to support the Government's Prevent Strategy.

The Prevent Action Plan, attached at Annex 1 of the report, detailed steps the Council would take over the next three years, both internally and in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership and built on previous work as well as identifying any outstanding actions. The Plan aimed to challenge all forms of terrorism and address the current substantial terrorism threat level in the UK.

During discussion, Members noted the requirement for a Prevent Action Plan, the importance of delivery for community safety, that Prevent training for Members had been completed and the Community Safety Partnership prioritised safeguarding at-risk individuals, with Prevent as a standing agenda item at meetings.

The Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee

RECOMMENDED*: That the Prevent Action Plan 2025-2028, be supported and endorsed.

***Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Community Services**

**CE 25/25 HAYSDEN COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2029 -
CONSULTATION**

(Decision Notice D250090MEM)

The report outlined the consultation process and recommendations for adopting the Haysden Country Park Management Plan 2025-29. After an extensive public consultation, responses were supportive, with suggestions largely focused on accessibility, content and specific projects. All comments had been carefully considered and a summary of the comments received and Officer responses was attached at Annex 2 to the report. There were no proposed amendments to the Plan following the consultation.

During discussion, on grounds of public safety, the raising of the priority of the footpath along Lower Haysden Lane from 3 to 1 was supported.

RECOMMENDED*: That the Haysden Country Park Management Plan 2025-29 be adopted, subject to a minor amendment to the Access Audit (12.3.3) and the comments of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee.

***Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Community Services**

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

CE 25/26 GRENFELL INQUIRY - IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL OPERATIONS

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health laid out the implications for the Council from the recommendations in the final report of the Grenfell Inquiry.

The inquiry looked at the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the Grenfell Tower disaster. Phase 1 looked at the events that led up to the fire on 14 June 2017, and Phase 2 focused on an analysis of the events that culminated in the tragedy and the Inquiry's recommendations on what should be done to prevent future similar disasters occurring. The Phase 2 report emphasised the importance of the role that local government had to play in major disaster prevention and management, and the need for authorities to have robust levels of preparedness in relation to such matters and the Inquiry put forward a number of specific recommendations that local authorities should take to ensure that effective plans were in place for the future. Government had already taken some steps and a summary of these were provided at Annex 1 of the report. A summary of the implications for the Council to consider were provided at Annex 2, and fell under building safety, social housing management and regulation and emergency planning and response.

CE 25/27 WORK PROGRAMME 2025-26

The Work Programme setting out matters to be scrutinised during 2025/26 was attached for information. Members were invited to suggest future matters by liaising with the Chair of the Committee.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

CE 25/28 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no matters considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.57 pm

PATROL

Public Affairs Update: To 11 June 2025

1. Current traffic management issues / areas of engagement

a. Pavement Parking

- **England (outside London):** PATROL continues to await a formal response from the Department for Transport (DfT) – following its October 2020 consultation – on when policy changes will be announced.

In late May, the Future of Roads Minister, Lilian Greenwood, indicated the Department would: *'...publish a formal response to the 2020 consultation; one that will summarise the views received and announce our next steps. That is coming later this year.'*

The Minister also publicly stated this aim during the recent Traffex / Parkex industry event earlier in May and, during a Commons Chamber event on 15 May, indicated that she was: *'...working speedily with my officials to do so, and I look forward to being able to announce the outcome of the consultation and our next steps shortly.'*

These updates follow PATROL writing to the Minister and former Secretary of State, as well as conducting subsequent engagement with Department officials, over the last year.

PATROL will update members on any further response it receives from the DfT as soon as possible and appropriate.

- **RESOURCE FOR AUTHORITIES:**
While PATROL awaits the Government's response, authorities are encouraged to write to the Secretary of State on the issue of pavement parking in their own area. While the inclusion of data from local areas is key to the impact of such correspondence, PATROL has prepared a briefing document with suggested general wording, data and more to help authorities frame their own letters.
 - **Access PATROL's pavement parking briefing document on the Member Portal at:** <https://www.patrol-uk.info/ctspoyc>.
- **Wales:** The Welsh Government's plans to give councils powers to enforce against pavement parking have been on hold since 2023.
- **Scotland:** The *Transport (Scotland) Act 2019* bans pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs, with certain exemptions designated by local authorities; for example, to ensure safe access for emergency vehicles. Authorities currently enforcing pavement parking include the major cities, Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Stirling (commencing 15 July), as well as a number of other councils across the country.

b. Level of civil parking penalty charges and financial impact of enforcement in England

- PATROL has recently conducted research with its authorities into how the current civil parking penalty charge levels are impacting its authorities. The main findings of the research were as follows:
 1. Over a third of authorities' (34%) parking services no longer pay for themselves (operating costs have increased 29% on average).
 2. More than half of authorities (54%) believe the current levels of parking penalty charges are ineffective as a deterrent.
 3. Over two thirds of authorities (70%) reported individual motorists regularly receiving and paying PCNs in their area.
- A copy of the research report is available at:
https://www.patrol-uk.info/docs/PATROL-PCN-Research-Docs/PATROL_BPA_LGA_Research_report_Civil_parking_penalty_levels_RELEASE_100424.pdf.
- In response, PATROL (with the support of the British Parking Association [BPA]) is currently engaged with the DfT and Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) on the following recommendations:
 1. The levels of civil penalty charges in England and Wales enforced under the *Traffic Management Act 2004* (TMA) should be increased to £100 (lower-level contraventions) and £130 (higher level), as appropriate.
 2. The PATROL Joint Committee should be given the ability to regularly consult on and review civil penalties (for parking and other traffic schemes) as part of PATROL's statutory function, bringing powers in line with the London model and depoliticising the issue moving forward.
 3. Approved device enforcement powers should be granted to authorities for the civil enforcement of off-street car parks.
 4. Statutory enforcement documents (post-PCN) should be issued digitally, rather than by first-class post, where motorists have engaged with the digital route.
- **The recommendations relating to DfT authority are currently with the Future of Roads Minister, Lilian Greenwood, following extensive engagement with the DfT policy team amid numerous changes to the Transport ministerial team over the last year.**
 - o The Minister has indicated a national review of penalty charge levels would be required before any action is taken for English authorities. Responding to recent media reports, the Department has also indicated there are no plans to raise penalty levels in England. This is despite levels for London being uplifted only in February.
 - o PATROL (together with the BPA) has expressed its dissatisfaction with this 'two-tier' position and has requested a face-to-face meeting with the Minister to understand her reasoning and express again its recommendations.
 - o The Minister has indicated enthusiasm on changing the requirement for first-class posting of enforcement documents, with an update expected soon.
- **The recommendation to allow authorities approved device powers for civil enforcement of off-street car parks is in process with MHCLG, following an earlier meeting with the parking policy team inviting a paper setting out possible solutions.**

c. Moving Traffic Powers in England (outside London)

- **Applications for a fourth tranche of authorities to receive moving traffic enforcement powers close on 7 July. Please advise PATROL ASAP if your authority has plans to adopt the powers.**
- The Designation Order for **Tranche 3** came into force on 7 December 2024, with the following new **22 authorities** included:
 - o Bolton Council, Bury Council, Devon County Council, Dudley Metropolitan Council, Hull City Council, Leicestershire County Council, North Somerset Council, North Yorkshire Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Plymouth City Council, Portsmouth City Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Sefton Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Southend-on-Sea City Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Suffolk County Council, Sunderland City Council, West Sussex County Council, Wiltshire Council, City of Wolverhampton Council and City of York Council.
- Local authorities already approved to enforce moving traffic restrictions are as follows:
 - o **Tranche 2: July 2023 order – 40 authorities:** Birmingham City Council, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, Bradford Council, Bristol City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council, Coventry City Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Herefordshire County Council, Hertfordshire County Council, Lancashire County Council, Leeds City Council, Leicester City Council, Liverpool City Council, Manchester City Council, Medway Council, Newcastle City Council, North Northamptonshire Council, Nottingham City Council, Oldham Council, Peterborough City Council, Rochdale Council, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Salford City Council, Sheffield City Council, Shropshire Council, South Gloucestershire Council, Southampton City Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Thurrock Borough Council, Trafford Council, Walsall Council, West Berkshire District Council, West Northamptonshire Council, West Sussex County Council, Wigan Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council, Wirral Council and Wokingham Borough Council.
 - o **Tranche 1: July 2022 order – 12 authorities:** Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bedford Borough Council, Buckinghamshire Council, Derby City Council, Durham County Council, Hampshire County Council, Kent County Council, Luton Borough Council, Norfolk County Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Reading Borough Council and Surrey County Council.
- The Traffic Penalty Tribunal decides appeals relating to the enforcement of moving traffic contraventions. As of the publication of this report, 966 appeals have been registered at the Tribunal against PCNs issued from 40 English authorities.

d. Level of private parking penalty charges and debt recovery fees in England

- The then Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) – under the previous government – consulted in 2023 on the level of penalty charges that private parking operators can charge, as well as the associated debt recovery fees.
 - o The consultation (<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/private-parking-code-of-practice-call-for-evidence/private-parking-charges-and-debt-recovery-fees-call-for-evidence>) was part of the Government's industry reform efforts through the *Parking (Code of Practice) Act 2019*.
 - o PATROL's response is available to view or download at: https://www.patrol-uk.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/PATROL-response-to-Private-Parking-CfE_FINAL_061023.pdf.
 - o The Government's proposed new Code of Practice was published in February 2022, but then withdrawn pending further consultation.
 - Separately to DLUHC (now MHCLG) and its work on the Code of Practice, the BPA and International Parking Community released their own version of a Code of Practice in June 2024.
 - o The organisations state their Code (<https://www.britishparking.co.uk/write/Documents/AOS/NEW%20Redesigned%20Documents/sectorsingleCodeofPractice.pdf>) is based on the Government's, but with a series of amendments, and that their members should be required to meet the new standards by December 2026.
 - In May, a Westminster Hall debate (<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2025-05-06/debates/DE2A42ED-5A2B-49E3-835E-CFD8ADB3806B/ParkingRegulation>) covered regulation of the private parking sector, with numerous MPs expressing a series of concerns, including:
 - o continuing unfair practices, such as unclear signage, broken machines, poor-performing mobile apps and inaccurate ANPR readings, as well as aggressive correspondence from operators
 - o criticism of the existing industry appeals bodies, including their independence and conflicts of interest. One MP, Martin Rhodes (Labour, Glasgow North) stated:

'The International Parking Community and the Independent Appeals Service are both trading names of one company, United Trade and Industry Ltd. This overlap raises legitimate concerns about perceived conflicts of interest, as the same corporate entity that profits from private parking companies through membership fees is responsible for overseeing the code of practice and adjudicating disputes under it. This lack of separation, clearly, could undermine trust in the fairness of the process.'
- MPs from all parties urged a statutory (not voluntary) Code of Practice moving forward, with independent regulation and a single appeals body.
- The Minister, Alex Norris MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at MHCLG, acknowledged that action was needed following the withdrawal of the Government's code in 2022. He has committed to the Department publishing a new draft code 'shortly'.

e. Restricting the generation of surplus funds from traffic contraventions

- The DfT (under the previous government) gathered evidence on councils' abilities to generate and / or retain a surplus from traffic enforcement, the practices that may lead to such surpluses being generated and what the impact may be if the revenue was surrendered to HM Treasury, rather than being used to fund local transport projects.
 - o View the consultation at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/restricting-the-generation-of-surplus-funds-from-traffic-contraventions/restricting-the-generation-of-surplus-funds-from-traffic-contraventions>.
- The consultation followed the publication of the then government's *Plan for drivers* (<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/plan-for-drivers-ensuring-traffic-measures-have-local-support>) in October 2023, which targeted the improvement of drivers' experience and services provided for motorists.
- In light of PATROL's research referenced at Item '2b', which conversely found councils are facing financial shortfalls and that any surpluses were generally small or non-existent, PATROL responded to the call for evidence on surpluses, making reference to its findings and subsequent recommendations.
 - o PATROL's response is available to view or download at: https://www.patrol-uk.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/DfT-Call-for-Evidence_Restricting-surpluses_PATROL-Response_090524.pdf.

PATROL awaits a formal response to the consultation on surpluses from the DfT. The Future of Roads Minister, Lilian Greenwood, indicated the Department was still considering the consultation in response to a written question on 9 June.

f. Other items of interest since last report

- **6 June: CONSULTATION OUTCOME**

- **Remote attendance and proxy voting in local authorities**

MHCLG consulted in December 2024 on enabling remote attendance at local authority meetings. The Department has now responded reaffirming the importance of in-person meetings for local democracy, while recognising the value of hybrid and remote attendance and voting as more modern, accessible practices.

- o Legislation is planned to enable local authorities in England to adopt remote attendance and proxy voting, when parliamentary time allows. Authorities will be empowered to create locally appropriate remote meeting policies.
 - o Principal councils (unitary, upper and second-tier) will be required to offer proxy voting at full council meetings for members absent due to new parenthood or serious illness. For other meetings, it will be optional. Other councils can choose to offer proxy voting but won't be required to.

Read the full consultation results and outcome at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings/outcome/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-in-local-authorities-consultation-results-and-government-response>.

- o PATROL submitted a response in favour of allowing fully remote meeting attendance and canvassed opinion from members, which showed 85% of respondents would prefer to attend meetings remotely only. Other findings of the survey were equally compelling, including that 77% have missed or decided not to attend a meeting due to it being held in person, and 89% would save from four hours to a day by being able to attend remotely.

PATROL awaits the Government's legislative plans.

- **3 June: UPDATED GUIDANCE**

- **Blue Badge scheme local authority guidance (England)**

This guidance was updated to cover onboarding and use of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) 'Searchlight' system to validate Blue Badge applicants in receipt of a qualifying PIP or HRMCLDA award. Find out more at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-local-authority-guidance-england/blue-badge>.

- o The latest *Disability, accessibility and blue badge statistics* for England (2023-24) were published by the DfT in January:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/disability-accessibility-and-blue-badge-scheme-statistics-2023-to-2024/disability-accessibility-and-blue-badge-statistics-england-2023-to-2024>.

- **21 May: PRESS RELEASE – Government transfers responsibility for National Parking Platform to the BPA**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-teams-with-parking-giants-to-ensure-drivers-can-use-preferred-apps-in-all-car-parks>

The new agreement will see the BPA working with councils to run the platform on a not-for-profit basis. It will operate under clear terms to ensure transparency, sustainability and public value. The government will maintain oversight of the platform by monitoring the sector's compliance with these terms. So far, the platform has been rolled out in 10 local authorities.

- **22 April: PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL**

- **Littering from Vehicles (Offences) Bill (under Ten Minute Rule)**

Claire Hughes MP (Labour, Bangor Aberconwy) has proposed a bill to '*...increase penalties for civil offences relating to littering from vehicles to make provision about the use of technology in detecting and identifying persons who have committed such offences; and for connected purposes.*'

The bill had its First Reading in the Commons Chamber on 22 April:

([https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2025-04-22/debates/37F6812D-5BF1-43B6-BB8F-8B6476F897E0/LitteringFromVehicles\(Offences\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2025-04-22/debates/37F6812D-5BF1-43B6-BB8F-8B6476F897E0/LitteringFromVehicles(Offences))), with the Second Reading scheduled for 11 July.

- **12 April: SPEECH FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**

- **'Vision for transport'**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/secretary-of-state-for-transport-vision-for-transport>

The Secretary of State for Transport has set out her vision for a transport system that 'works for everyone'.

- **20 March: DVLA DIGITAL SERVICE ENHANCEMENT**

- **New QR code service launched to make sharing driving license information easier**

Motorists who have signed up for a driver and vehicles account (<https://www.gov.uk/driver-vehicles-account>) can now use a QR code to share their driving licence information quicker and easier than ever before.

2. Driving Improvement Awards enters its second year



- **PATROL's Driving Improvement Awards offers member authorities the chance to submit a bid for funding to develop a public awareness campaign or activity to effect change in their area, with bids encouraged around a specific theme each year, based on current or pressing events, issues and trends in the traffic enforcement landscape.**
- A key aim of awarding funding is that the winning campaign can act as a model of action for other authorities, with materials produced subsequently being made available for free use by other councils. In this way, councils can seek to replicate the success in their own communities, reducing the burden on their individual finances and drawing widespread attention to important issues.
- In the Awards' first year (2024-25), PATROL's Advisory Board chose the theme of abuse experienced by civil enforcement officers and other enforcement staff. This focus was chosen in response to the consistent and high-profile negative public sentiment towards parking and traffic enforcement across authorities; a problem that has been systemic for many years.
- The winning bids came from Brighton & Hove City Council and North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP), who worked together and with PATROL to develop and deliver a campaign in their local areas – **'Beyond the Uniform'** – from January 2025.
 - o The campaign received significant engagement, with over a **quarter of a million impressions** across social media and digital channels, as well as national media interest.
 - o In North Essex, a **73% decrease in incidents of abuse was recorded in Harlow during the campaign activation period year-on-year with the same period, with a 60% decrease for the year in full.**
 - o PATROL will be rolling out the creative assets produced for the campaign, white-labelled, for all its authorities to take forward in their own areas and coordinating a wider awareness effort about staff abuse, the campaign and its outcomes in the coming months.
- **The 2025-26 Driving Improvement Awards has invited bids from authorities on the theme of Blue Badge abuse and misuse.** This is a growing and ever more widely reported issue impacting all authorities, with recent data indicating continuing rises in both badge thefts and fraudulent usage.
- **A shortlist of four authority bids has been decided, with the winning authority set to be unveiled at PATROL's Annual Reception on Tuesday 15 July.** The event will also see Brighton & Hove and NEPP presenting their activities and results from last year's campaign.

Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee

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Part 1 - Public

Matters for Information



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Cabinet Member Report – Environmental Health and Health

1 Summary and Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an overview of the Cabinet Member presentation on Environmental Health and Health services.

2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

- 2.1 Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council.
- 2.2 Sustaining a borough which cares for the environment.
- 2.3 The Environmental Health and Health teams provide a wide range of efficient and effective services for residents which includes keeping them safe and healthy. The service also contributes towards improving the air quality and environmental impact of the borough.

3 Introduction and Background

- 3.1 A presentation will be provided at the committee by the Cabinet Member. This will include the following on the Environmental Health and Health services:
- 1) Outline of service and staffing
 - 2) Links to corporate strategy and Annual Service Delivery Plan
 - 3) Performance information
 - 4) Key achievements

- 5) Key challenges
- 6) What lies ahead

3.2 Members are encouraged to submit to the report author any questions they may have about the Environmental Health or Health service ahead of the committee date to ensure they are covered in the presentation.

4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

4.1 All these services are delivered within the Council's budgetary framework.

5 Risk Assessment

5.1 None associated with this report.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 The work of the Environmental Health teams is predominantly statutory, and relevant legislation is in place.

7 Consultation and Communications

7.1 This presentation is to ensure Members are aware of the work of the service and its contribution to the Council's Corporate Strategy and Annual Service Delivery Plan.

8 Cross Cutting Issues

8.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

8.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.

8.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.

8.1.3 Environmental Health, particularly the work of the Environmental Protection team, has a positive impact on climate change.

8.2 Equalities and Diversity

8.2.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

8.3 Other If Relevant

- Health and Safety
- Healthy Lifestyles

- 8.3.1 The Food and Safety team consider health and safety within certain premises that they visit. They also investigate breaches/accidents etc in premises where they are authorised to do so.
- 8.3.2 The One You team provide healthy lifestyle advice, support and activities for residents.

Background Papers	None
Annexes	None

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Health in Tonbridge & Malling

1 Summary and Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides Members with a health report for Tonbridge & Malling BC. It also updates Members on the Council's One You team and the work of the Health Action Team.

2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

- 2.1 Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council.
- 2.2 The Council aims to promote well-being and help people, especially the most vulnerable residents, to live healthy and active lifestyles.

3 Health report for Tonbridge & Malling BC

- 3.1 The Council's One You team and the Head of Housing and Health work closely with Kent County Council's Public Health team to deliver the One You service, to have a successful Health Action Team (HAT) in place for Tonbridge & Malling BC and to focus on wider determinants of health e.g. housing, financial position aiming to adopt a health in all policies approach across all our Council services.
- 3.2 The Public Health team recently presented a health report to the HAT. This is attached at **Annex 1**. Members will note some key points as below:
- The population is expected to increase within TMBC by 23.5% by 2042 and within this the number of elderly people is expected to rise by 47.9%.

- TMBC has lower rates of general smoking prevalence amongst adults and under-75 mortality from cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and diabetes when compared to England.
- The prevalence of severe mental illness is significantly lower than the Kent average.
- Mental health remains a concern with a high prevalence of depression.
- There are higher smoking rates for individuals with long-term mental health conditions.
- Although overall there is a lower prevalence of overweight and obese children in reception it varies within the district with some wards having higher rates.

3.3 Although TMBC are not responsible for health services nor have the public health statutory duty the services provided by the Council can play an integral role in improving the health of residents. It is essential that we focus on the wider determinants of health such as housing, income, employment, community safety, air quality, healthy lifestyles, all of which are services we deliver, and which are key in determining someone's overall health.

4 One You team

- 4.1 The Council's One You team, working in partnership with Kent County Council through grant funding, continue to deliver healthy lifestyle services across the borough. This includes support (often one to one) for healthy eating, increasing exercise, reducing alcohol intake and stopping smoking. The team provide a number of weight management programmes through the year both in person and on-line. They also manage the healthy walks programme across the borough including supporting the excellent and valued volunteers in place to deliver this popular activity.
- 4.2 The team will also support other organisations/events across the borough and organise healthy cooking workshops and ad hoc activities as required. In addition the team also run and support health and wellbeing activities for TMBC staff including a menopause café, themed days and healthy lifestyle advice.
- 4.3 Some key and extremely positive information from April to June 2025 for the team is provided below:
- 209 referrals into the service
 - 129 individuals engaged and seen by an advisor
 - 11 health walks available

- 109 health walks delivered with at least 1,164 attendances
- 100% satisfaction with the service received.

5 Health Action Team (HAT)

- 5.1 Tonbridge & Malling's Health Action Team (HAT) is a forum where the Council and local partners can come together to share knowledge and expertise and plan actions to help improve health for all across the borough. Membership includes TM Active, faith groups, West Kent Mind, local housing providers, Involve, Citizens Advice Bureau, grow 19, Communigrow and membership is continually reviewed and any organisation is welcome that can add value to the discussions.
- 5.2 The HAT receives excellent support from Kent County Council's Public Health team including the new post of West Kent Partnership Officer which is dedicated to working with the districts across its health and wellbeing focus. Several positive and engaging meetings have been held focussing on establishing three priorities. This has been done through discussion, workshops and a survey. The three priorities are as follows and it is pleasing to note they align with the health report referred to above.
- Improving mental health
 - Supporting older people
 - Improving children's health
- 5.3 A TMBC Health Action Plan is underway. The plan is not intended to be burdensome either on the Council or our partners, rather to be a collection of the activities/support etc that is already happening across the borough within existing resources. The next meeting planned in October 2025 will focus on impact monitoring and working on a collective health offer for schools.
- 5.4 The HAT will work with Kent County Council's Public Health team on information and statistics to underpin the action plan however it must be recognised that monitoring any impact against the priorities will be extremely challenging given the many influencing factors involved. The HAT will also identify any gaps in services to work with the Integrated Care system to see if these can be addressed.
- 5.5 The work of the HAT is supported internally by the One You team and in particular the One You Team Leader. Part of the agreement with Kent County Council is to deliver a "health in all policies" approach to the work of the Council.

6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 6.1 TMBC receive grant funding from Kent County Council Public Health team to deliver the One You service. The service is delivered within the grant allocation.

6.2 There are no additional budget requirements from this report.

7 Risk Assessment

7.1 Kent County Council grant fund the One You work that is carried out within Tonbridge & Malling including the wider health in all policies work. We operate this team within the grant allocation received. If this funding was to cease, then there would be an impact on the health in all policies work, the HAT meeting and the aim of promoting well-being and helping people, especially the most vulnerable residents, to live healthy and active lifestyles.

8 Legal Implications

8.1 None arising from this report.

9 Consultation and Communications

9.1 The HAT meeting is a forum to consult and communicate with local partners delivering health and wellbeing services.

9.2 The One You team regularly use the Council's social media channels to promote the services offered and the positive impact for residents.

10 Implementation

10.1 The One You team and the HAT continue to deliver and develop key health and wellbeing services and improvements.

11 Cross Cutting Issues

11.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

11.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.

11.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.

11.2 Equalities and Diversity

11.2.1 The discussion through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

11.3 Other If Relevant

- Healthy Lifestyles

11.3.1 The One You team and the HAT contribute to the Council's aim of promoting well-being and helping people, especially the most vulnerable residents, to live healthy and active lifestyles.

Background Papers	None
Annexes	Annex 1 - Health Report TMBC

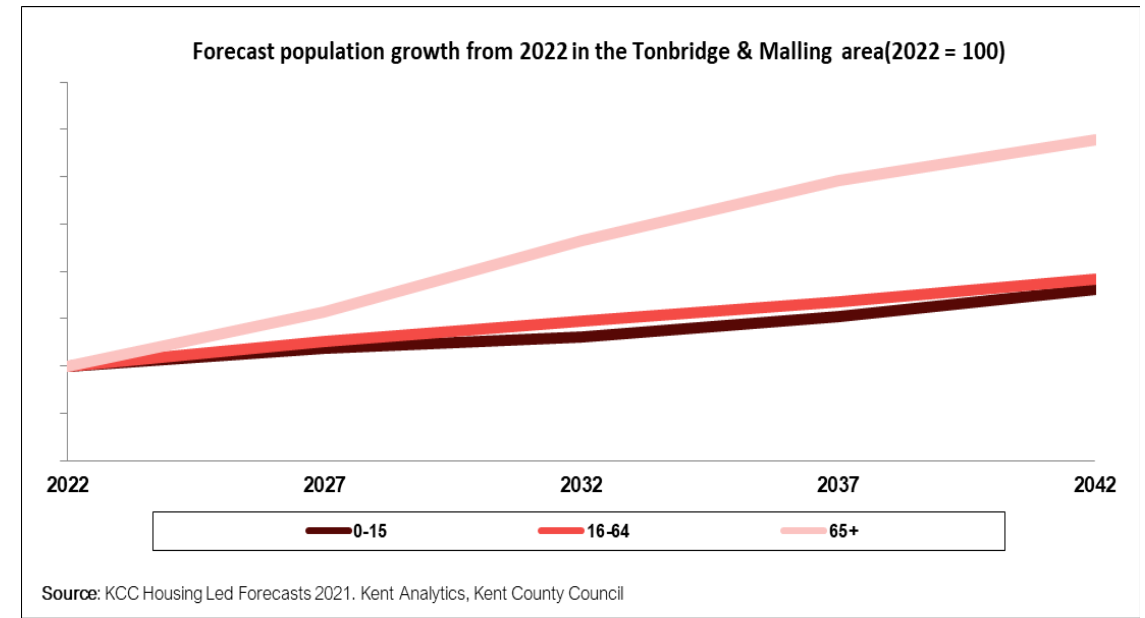
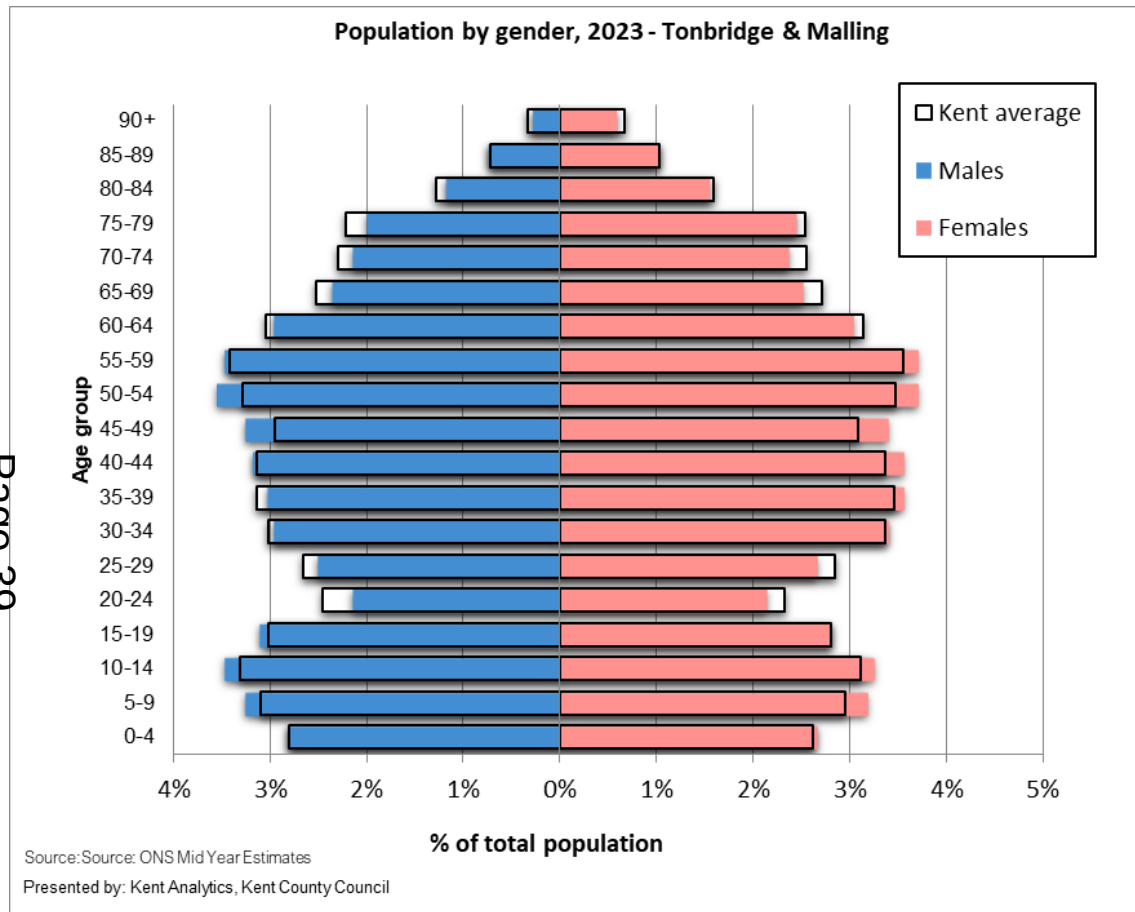
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Tonbridge and Malling Health Report

May 2025

Population

Population



- There are 135,200 people in Tonbridge and Malling, 65,600 males and 69,600 females.
- The population is expected to increase by 23.5% by 2042.
- The number of elderly people expected to rise by 47.9%.

Ethnicity



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Ethnic Group	Number	Proportion
White British	116,787	88.3%
Asian	3,871	2.9%
Mixed	2,942	2.2%
Black Caribbean or African	1,313	1.0%
Gypsy/Irish Traveller or Roma	535	0.4%

Wider determinants of health

Wider determinants of health



SOURCE: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute in US to rank countries by health status

What are health inequalities?

- Health inequalities are avoidable, unfair, and systematic differences in health between different groups of people. Health inequalities, encompass variations in health status, life expectancy, and the prevalence of diseases among different socioeconomic groups, gender, age, ethnicity, disability, and geographic locations.
- Disparities are often rooted in wider determinants such as education, employment, income, and housing as well as factors like emotional wellbeing and social connectedness or isolation.

Housing

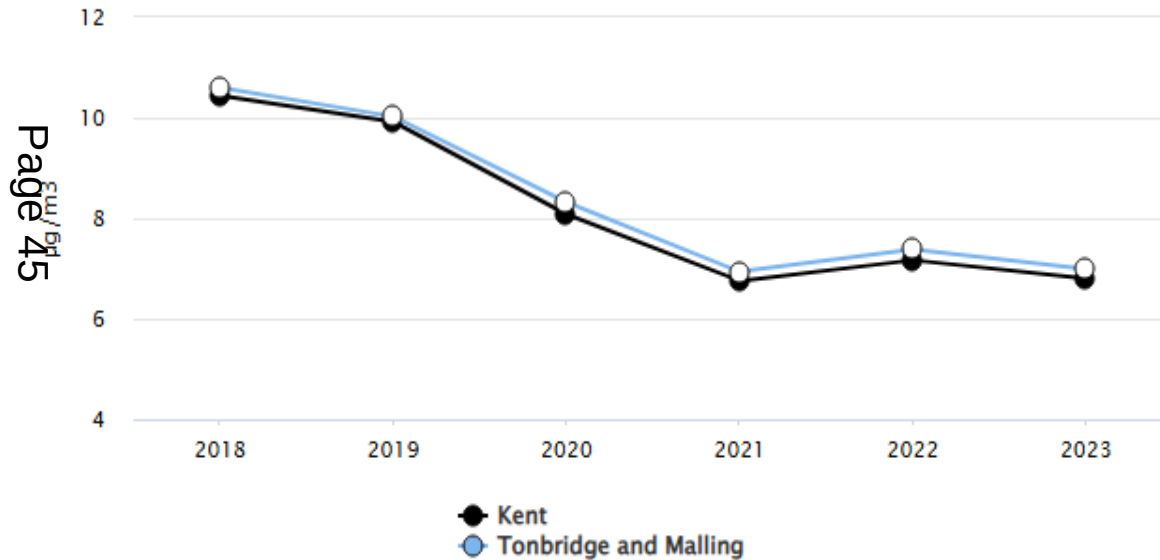
Housing Tenure of Tonbridge and Malling residents

2021	Tonbridge & Malling	Kent	England
All Households	53,571	648,393	23,436,085
Owned: Owned outright	18,379 (34.3%)	227,729 (35.1%)	7,624,693 (32.5%)
Owned: Owned with a mortgage or loan	19,126 (35.7%)	201,054 (31.0%)	6,744,372 (28.8%)
Shared ownership (part owned and part rented)	1,108 (2.1%)	8,734 (1.3%)	235,951 (1.0%)
Social rented: Rented from Council (Local Authority)	1,001 (1.9%)	35,782 (5.5%)	1,945,152 (8.3%)
Social rented: Other	7,254 (13.5%)	52,087 (8.0%)	2,060,511 (8.8%)
Private rented: Private landlord or letting agency	5,757 (10.7%)	108,543 (16.7%)	4,273,689 (18.2%)
Private rented: Other	937 (1.7%)	13,954 (2.2%)	521,200 (2.2%)
Living rent free	9 (0.02%)	510 (0.1%)	30,517 (0.1%)

- The Decent Homes Standard assessment revealed that the private rented sector had the highest proportion of non-decent homes (27%), compared to owner-occupied homes (20%) and social rented homes (13%).
- Data from the 2021 census shows that there are 53,571 households in Tonbridge and Malling.
- 10.7% of households are privately rented, either through a landlord or letting agency and 1.9% are social rented from the council.
- 77.2% of the population in Tonbridge and Malling are living comfortably and 12.2% of elderly people enjoying a comfortable retirement.
- 7.7% of families have limited resources and must budget to make ends meet (Kent ~ 7.1%).
- 5.4% of elderly people are reliant on support to meet financial or practical needs (Kent ~ 6.4%).

Air Quality

Annual concentration of fine particulate matter (2018-2023)

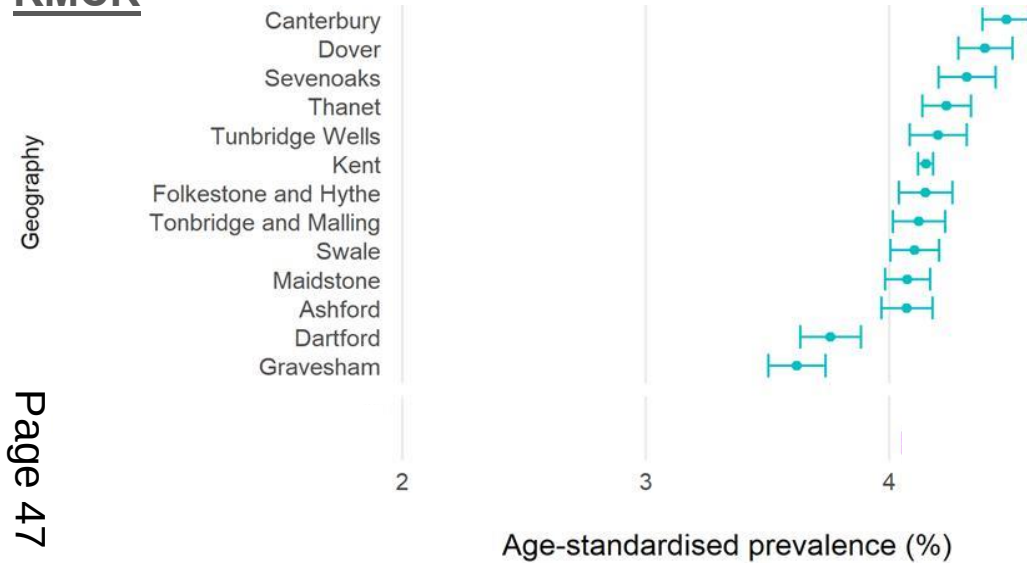


- Certain air pollutants are known to have adverse effects on health, such as fine particulate matter.
- Those living exposed to higher levels of air pollution are more likely to suffer the harmful effects of poor air quality.
- The concentration of fine particulate matter is higher in Tonbridge and Malling than Kent.

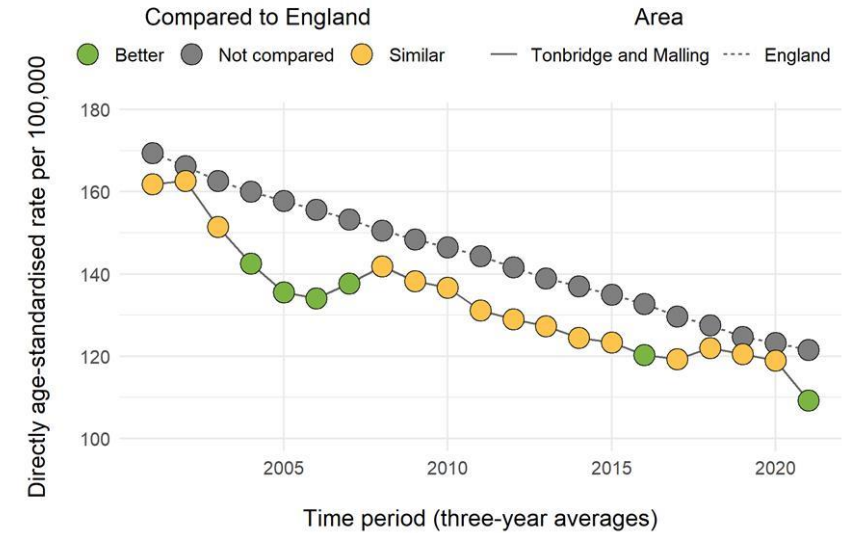
Long-term conditions (LTC)

Cancer

Age-standardised prevalence of Cancer by geography, KMCR



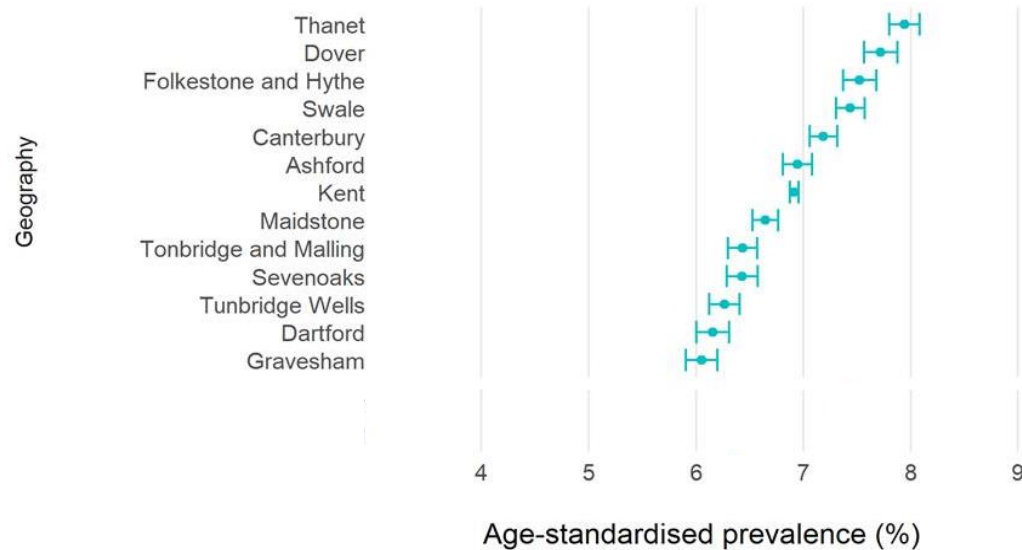
Under 75 mortality rate from cancer, OHID



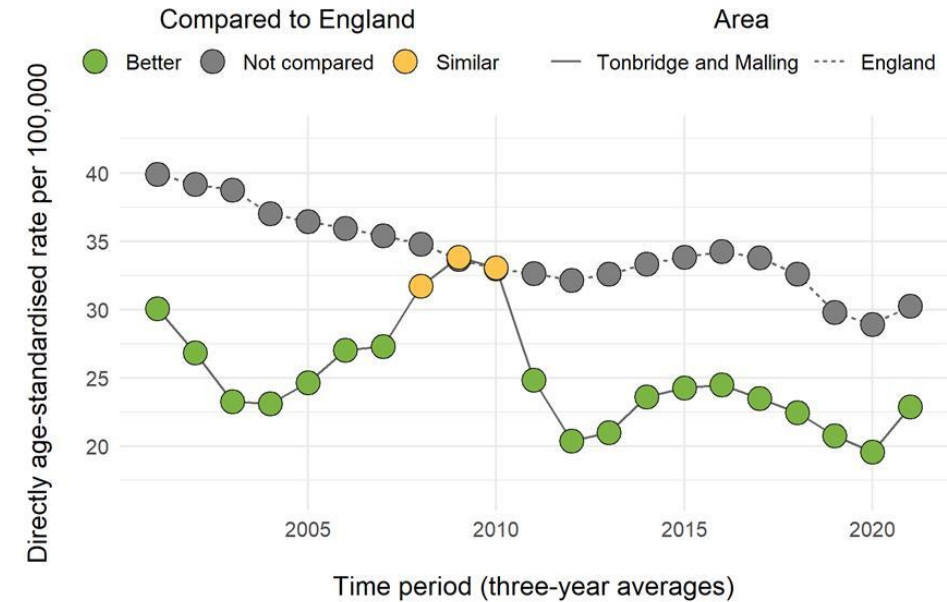
- According to the KMCR, there are an estimated 6,100 people living in Tonbridge and Malling with Cancer.
- The age-standardised prevalence is 4.12%.
- The prevalence of cancer in Tonbridge and Malling is higher compared to Swale, Maidstone, Ashford, Dartford and Gravesham.
- The rate for under 75 mortality from cancer is lower in Tonbridge and Malling compared to England.

Respiratory disease (COPD & asthma)

Age-standardised prevalence of Asthma or COPD, KMCR



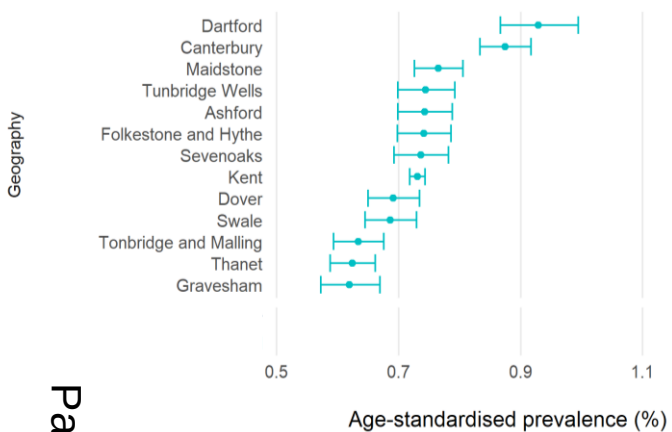
Under 75 mortality rate from respiratory disease, OHID



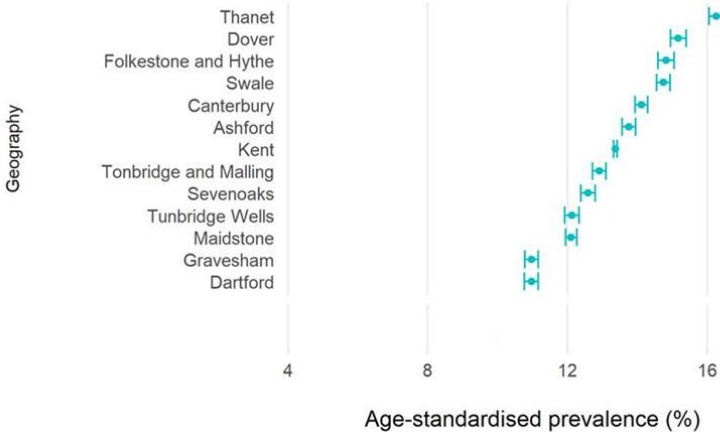
- According to the KMCR, there are an estimated 9,400 people living in Tonbridge and Malling with respiratory disease.
- The age-standardised prevalence is 6.4%. The age-standardised prevalence of respiratory disease in Tonbridge and Malling is lower than the Kent average, but higher than four other districts.
- The age-standardised under 75 mortality rate from respiratory disease is lower in Tonbridge and Malling compared to England. However, the rate began to increase again in 2020.

Dementia and Mental Health

Dementia

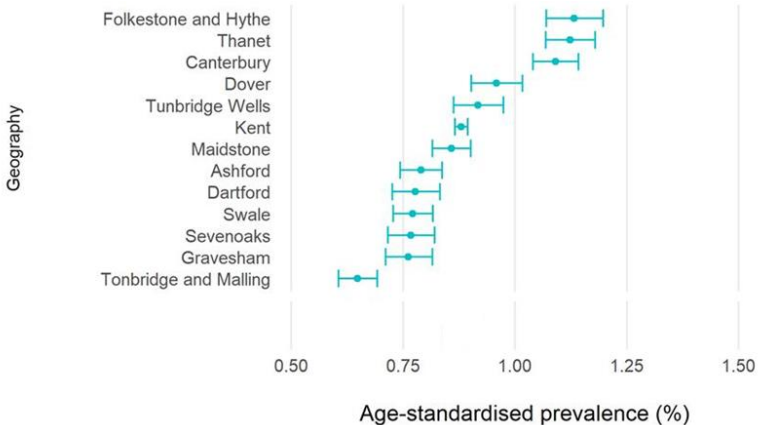


Depression



- The age-standardised prevalence of dementia is 0.6%, lower compared to the Kent average, but higher than Gravesham and Thanet.
- 18,000 people are living in Tonbridge and Malling with Depression. The age-standardised prevalence of depression (12.9%) is slightly lower than the Kent average, but it is higher than the prevalence in Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone, Gravesham and Dartford.

Severe Mental Illness



- There are an estimated 900 people living in Tonbridge and Malling with severe mental illness, a crude rate of 0.63 per cent of the total population. The prevalence of severe mental illness in Tonbridge and Malling is significantly lower compared to Kent overall.



Health Behaviours

Obesity



- Between 2021/22 to 2023/24, Tonbridge and Malling had a lower prevalence of overweight (20.5%) and obese (8.1%) children in reception compared to county and national figures.
- However, within the district the prevalence varies.
- Aylesford South, Larkfield North, Snodland East and Ham Hill and West Malling and Leybourne have a higher prevalence of children that are overweight and obese.

Smoking



- The smoking prevalence in adults over the age of 18 is 3.9% and has been steadily decreasing over time.
- The smoking prevalence of adults with a long-term mental health condition is 31%, this is higher than the prevalence in Kent (25.5%).
- Smoking at the time of delivery (9.1%) has been higher than the national level (7.4%).

Alcohol and substance misuse



- The alcohol-related mortality rate is lower in Tonbridge and Malling compared to Kent, the South East and England.
- Since 2018 (23.4 per 100,000) the rate has increased compared to 2023 (32.4 per 100,000).
- The rate of death from substance misuse is low.

Sexual health



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- Diagnostic rates for STIs are relatively low in Tonbridge and Malling however testing is also low. There is no sexual health clinic in Tonbridge and Malling.
- The chlamydia detection rate amongst women between the ages of 15 to 24 was 1,367 in Tonbridge and Malling in 2023. This is lower than the target of 3,250.
- There has been an increase in the rate of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) since 2020.
- In 2023 the rate of total prescribed LARC excluding injections was 55.9 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 44.8 in 2020

Conclusion

Positives

The health profile of Tonbridge and Malling shows encouraging trends that reflect positively on the district's public health landscape.

- T&M has lower rates of violent crime, general smoking prevalence among adults, and under-75 mortality from cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and diabetes.
- T&M demonstrates good economic activity with a relatively low unemployment rate.
- The prevalence of severe mental illness is significantly lower than the Kent average.
- Low alcohol mortality rate.
- Deaths from substance misuse is low.

Areas for improvement

There are areas which could benefit from focused attention.

- The ageing population is projected to grow significantly, necessitating proactive planning for elderly care and support services.
- Mental health remains a concern, with a high prevalence of depression and elevated smoking rates among individuals with long-term mental health conditions.
- While overall alcohol-related mortality is lower than the national average, the rate has increased considerably since 2018.
- Sexual health services could also be strengthened, as STI testing rates remain low and the chlamydia detection rate falls short of national targets and there is no sexual health clinic in the area.

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COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE – UPCOMING MATTERS

2025-26

C=Council; CAB = Cabinet; DEL = Delegated to Committee; INFO = matters for information. Cabinet are responsible for ALL Key Decisions (KD). Some Non-Key Decisions (NKD) can be taken by Cabinet Members outside of the meeting.

DECISION (TITLE)	DESCRIPTION	C/CAB/ DEL/INFO	KD/NKD	CAB MEMBER DN Y/N	PART 1 OR 2	MEETING DATE	OFFICER IN PERSON ATTENDANCE Y/N
Snodland Partnership – Outside Body Presentation	TBC	Info	-	-	1	5 November 2025	
Cabinet Member report	Community Services – Cllr D Keers	Infor					
Review of Fees and Charges 2025/26		Cab	KD	N			
Biodiversity Duty and accompanying action plan		CAB	NKD				
Green Infrastructure Action Plan							
Review of Roadside Nature Reserves	TBC						
Evaluate use of Hydro- treated Vegetable Oil	Report setting out consideration of HVO proposals within the						

DECISION (TITLE)	DESCRIPTION	C/CAB/ DEL/INFO	KD/NKD	CAB MEMBER DN Y/N	PART 1 OR 2	MEETING DATE	OFFICER IN PERSON ATTENDANCE Y/N
(HVO) for the waste contract vehicles	recommissioning of waste and recycling services to Members						
Matters Arising from Services in between cycles:							
						4 February 2026	
Work Programme	Standing item	Info					
Youth and Community Centres/Project Management Committees – Outside Body Presentation	TBC	Info					
Cabinet Member report	Waste, Technical Services and Parking – Cllr M Coffin	Info					
Biodiversity Duty (TBC – potentially to be reported in November 2025)	Report detailing actions that had conserved and enhanced biodiversity and plans for futures actions in respect of first reporting period						
Matters Arising from Services in between cycles:							
						20 May 2026	
Work Programme	Standing item	Info					

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Matters Arising from Services in between cycles:							
Work Programme	Standing item	Info					
Future items to be scheduled for scrutiny: Community Energy South tbc							

Annual updates in respect of the following Outside Bodies to be scheduled during 2026:

- Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel;
- Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee; (September)

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Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

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The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information.

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Agenda Item 12

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