

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Housing,
Environment and Economy**

**Decision No:
D260036MEM**

Date: 04 March 2026

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Biodiversity Duty

(Report of Chief Executive)

The report presented a Biodiversity Duty Report (attached at Annex 1) which set out the Borough Council's progress in delivering its statutory duty to conserve, enhance and protect biodiversity (habitats and species).

Members were asked to endorse the contents of the Biodiversity Duty Report and note the progress being made by the Borough Council in delivering its statutory biodiversity duty under the Environment Act 2021 and the amended Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

The proposed future actions detailed in Section 6 of the Biodiversity Duty Report and the continuation of practical steps to conserve and enhance biodiversity across parks, open spaces and other land were summarised and noted by Members.

Following consideration by the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee, the Cabinet Member for Housing, Environment and Economy

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Biodiversity Duty Report attached at Annex 1 be endorsed; and
- (2) the proposed future actions set out in Section 6 of the Biodiversity Duty Report, be approved.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 4 March 2026.

Signed Cabinet Member for
Housing, Environment and
Economy:

R Betts

Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Chief Executive:	D Roberts
Date of publication:	6 March 2026

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.