

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday, 24th March, 2015

Present: Cllr N J Heslop (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr J A L Balcombe, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr B J Luker, Cllr Mrs S Murray and Cllr M R Rhodes

Councillors O C Baldock, M A C Balfour, P F Bolt, D J Cure, R D Lancaster and A K Sullivan were also present pursuant to Access to Information Rule No 22.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs M F Heslop

PART 1 - PUBLIC

CB 15/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

CB 15/28 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 3 February 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CB 15/29 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 February 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

DECISIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

CB 15/30 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND

Decision Notice D150032CAB

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

CB 15/31 MATTERS REFERRED FROM ADVISORY BOARDS

The notes of the meetings of the following Advisory Boards were received, any recommendations contained therein being incorporated within the decisions of the Cabinet reproduced at the annex to these Minutes.

Strategic Housing Advisory Board of 23 February 2015
Leisure and Arts Advisory Board of 24 February 2015
Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 25 February 2015
Local Environmental Management Advisory Board of 2 March 2015
Communities and Health Advisory Board of 3 March 2015
Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 10 March 2015

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 15/32 MATTERS REFERRED FROM ADVISORY PANELS AND OTHER GROUPS

The Minutes of the meetings of the following Advisory Panels and other Groups were received, any recommendations contained therein being incorporated within the decisions of the Cabinet reproduced at the annex to these Minutes.

Tonbridge Forum of 9 February 2015
Parish Partnership Panel of 19 February 2015

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 15/33 WELFARE REFORM UPDATE

The report of the Director of Finance and Transformation updated progress with the implementation of the Government's welfare reform agenda and its impacts in general and, specifically, within Tonbridge and Malling. Members expressed appreciation of the care and attention provided by the Principal Benefits Officer and team in supporting residents in challenging circumstances.

It was noted that the intended date for implementation of Universal Credit in the Borough was 12 October 2015.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 15/34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL**CB 15/35 TONBRIDGE TOWN LOCK SCHEME****(LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 3 – Financial or business affairs of any particular person)**

The joint report of the Director of Street Scene and Leisure and Director of Finance and Transformation provided an update on progress with the scheme to refurbish the Tonbridge Town Lock area. Consideration was given to the appointment of a contractor in the light of the outcome of the tender evaluation process together with a funding package which included a significant financial contribution from the Environment Agency.

Members commended the Management Team for the work undertaken to progress the project.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the scheme outlined in the report to refurbish the Tonbridge Town Lock area be progressed;
- (2) the revised Collaborative Agreement between the Council and the Environment Agency be completed;
- (3) the building contract be awarded to Interserve to the value of £1,369,893;
- (4) the works be progressed in accordance with the timescale outlined in the report, commencing on site in late May 2015;
- (5) to support this funding arrangement and to safeguard the integrity of the Council's finances, the annual capital allowance set out within the Medium Term Financial Strategy be reduced to £200,000;
- (6) the level of the annual capital allowance be reviewed again as part of next year's Capital Plan Review process; and
- (7) authority be delegated to the Director of Central Services to enter into an appropriate form of agreement with the third party owner of the two small areas of land within the scheme to permit construction and, thereafter, use of the land as part of the scheme.

***Referred to Council**

**DECISIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4,
PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

CB 15/36 TONBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE

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

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CB 15/37 DEBTS FOR WRITE OFF

(LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 2 – Information likely to reveal information about an individual)

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The meeting ended at 8.36 pm