

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

20 July 2015

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 STREET SCENE ACTION PLAN

Summary

This report updates Members on progress with a range of ‘street scene’ initiatives and projects currently being implemented within the borough.

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The appearance of our local street scene environment continues to be of great importance to our residents. Consequently, one of the Council’s Key Corporate Priorities is to provide “a clean, smart, well maintained and sustainable Borough”.
- 1.1.2 Street Scene is a cross-cutting theme which impacts on a range of our council services and involves a number of partners, for example Kent Highways, Police, Social Landlords and the Environment Agency.
- 1.1.3 The Street Scene Action Plan is an ongoing document providing details of a number of projects within the borough. The range of initiatives are led by various services and partner organisations and aim to improve local environmental quality. The involvement key partners, who regularly attend the Street Scene Officer Study Group, provide a more considered and combined input to the initiatives we want to take forward.
- 1.1.4 Notable actions since the last update to Members include the issuing of the Street Monitor Guidance booklet, the refurbishment of the New Wharf Road bridge in Tonbridge and the commencement of the works to the Tonbridge Town Lock area.
- 1.1.5 In response to requests from local Members a programme of signage cleaning is also being actioned. This will include signs on Council owned land, street signs and those welcoming the public to the borough. We will also work with colleagues in KCC Highways to notify and carry out cleansing of their road signs.
- 1.1.6 **[Annex 1]** shows progress made in respect of the Action Plan.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

Improvement actions included in the Street Scene Action Plan are funded within our budget or those of partner organisations. Officers continue to explore and seek opportunities for third party funding to supplement Street Scene activities.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Ongoing improvements to Street Scene will improve the public and businesses perception of the Borough and the Council.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 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.

1.6 Recommendations

CABINET IS RECOMMENDED ENDORSE the approach outlined in this report and **NOTE** the projects and progress across a wide range of street scene related initiatives.

The Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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