

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

12 October 2016

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 REVIEW OF THE MAYORALTY FUNCTION – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To endorse the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.1 Review of the Mayoralty Function

1.1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertook a review of the role of functions of Mayoralty at its meeting held on 13th September 2016. The following recommendations were agreed and are commended to the Cabinet for approval:

- (1) no changes be made to the role of the Mayor as set out in the Constitution;
- (2) no change be made to the current approach to Mayoral engagements;
- (3) the Mayor should continue to undertake a fund raising role for one or two chosen charities as at present;
- (4) the role of the existing Macebearer be retained as at present;
- (5) the current arrangements for Mayoral transport be retained but competitive quotations be sought from three providers to ensure value for money and the budget be limited to £10,000;
- (6) the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel be invited to review the allowances payable to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- (7) the incoming Mayor be given the freedom to decide if he/she wishes to appoint as Chaplain a person from any religion for the purpose of providing spiritual counsel or, alternatively, to make no appointment; and
- (8) no changes be made to the current arrangements for the saying of prayers immediately before Council meetings provided that any Member may choose to join the meeting thereafter if they so wish.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 As considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee/

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 n/a

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 Recommendation

1.6.1 That the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the Mayoralty function, as set out at 1.1.1 of this report, **BE ENDORSED.**

Background papers:

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Nil

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