

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

14 February 2019

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 ROAD CLOSURES REVIEW

To review further evidence from key partners regarding the procedures used to implement temporary road closures for community events

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 18 October 2018 to hear further evidence regarding temporary road closure procedures for community events. Kent Police provided an overview of the road closure powers available and advised that all events they were notified of would be assessed, including any requirements for traffic management or road closures. It was explained that the decision to issue any traffic order remained with the respective district or county council and the position of Kent Police was to offer advice and guidance to assist event organisers and Safety Advisory Groups.

1.1.2 A statement confirming Kent County Council's support of the procedures used for road closures was also provided. In addition, the views of all districts on the use of the Town Police Clauses Act (TPCA) for road closures had been sought and these were also summarised. All the responses received indicated that districts had been using the TPCA for at least some of the road closures, which suggested that their continued use was appropriate for local events.

1.1.3 Members reviewed all the evidence submitted and felt that the approach adopted by the Borough Council in using the TPCA was appropriate. The Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services also agreed to liaise with Kent Police, to clarify if any future events might not be covered by the TPCA.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 As set out in the initial report to Overview and Scrutiny.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 There is currently no established revenue budget for road closures, with costs limited to staff time for those dealing with the administration.

1.3.2 If it is found that the TPCA cannot be used to support local community events involving road closures, there would be a potential cost to community groups.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 As above, costs for events may be prohibitive for local community groups.

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

1.6.1 Subject to further discussions with relevant partners, the continued use of Town Police Clauses Act 1847 for appropriate local community events **BE CONFIRMED.**

Background papers:

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Nil

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