

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday, 19th March, 2019

Present: Cllr N J Heslop (Chairman), Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr Mrs M F Heslop, Cllr D Lettington, Cllr P J Montague and Cllr H S Rogers

Councillors O C Baldock, M C Base, D J Cure, Mrs A S Oakley and A K Sullivan were also present pursuant to Access to Information Rule No 23.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

CB 19/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

CB 19/29 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

CB 19/30 UPDATE ON THE KENT DOWNS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE ADOPTION OF THE HIGH WEALD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Item PE 19/3 referred from Planning and Transportation Advisory Board minutes of 5 March 2019

The Cabinet received the recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board at its meeting of 5 March 2019 regarding reviews of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and High Weald AONB Management Plans.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the adoption of the High Weald AONB Management Plan 2019 – 2024 as a material planning consideration by 31 March 2019 be confirmed by the Council; and
- (2) the Kent Downs AONB Management Plan 2014 – 2019 be retained as a material consideration in its current form unless and

until a revised and amended Plan has been agreed and adopted by all Local Authorities.

***Referred to Council**

DECISIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION (RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS)

CB 19/31 INNOVATION PARK MEDWAY - MASTERPLAN

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MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

CB 19/32 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.

Economic Regeneration Advisory Board of 20 February 2019
Communities and Housing Advisory Board of 26 February 2019
Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 5 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 19/33 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.

Parish Partnership Panel of 7 February 2019
Tonbridge Forum of 25 February 2019
Joint Transportation Board of 11 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 19/34 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

The report of the Management Team provided an update on the current strategic risks and how they were being managed. The latest iteration of the Strategic Risk Register was annexed to the report and reflected preparations for any impacts of Brexit on the local community, the implementation of the new waste contract and cyber security. It was noted that a separate risk register for cyber security was being prepared as recommended following the Local Government Association's cyber security stocktake.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 19/35 FAIR FUNDING REVIEW

The report of the Director of Finance and Transformation advised that alongside the 2019/20 provisional local government finance settlement, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) had confirmed its intention to implement the Fair Funding Review in April 2020 and had published a further consultation paper. The report provided an overview of the paper, "Review of local authorities' relative needs and resources", together with the response agreed in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Innovation and Property for submission by the 21 February 2019 deadline.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 19/36 BUSINESS RATES RETENTION REFORM

The report of the Director of Finance and Transformation advised that alongside the 2019/20 provisional local government finance settlement, the MHCLG had confirmed the aim of introducing 75% Business Rates Retention for all in 2020/21. The report provided an overview of the consultation paper on possible changes to the system entitled "Business Rates Retention Reform", together with the response agreed with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Innovation and Property for submission by the 21 February 2019 deadline.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

CB 19/37 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.

**DECISIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE
CONSTITUTION (RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS)**

CB 19/38 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 7.51 pm