

## **TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**Tuesday, 19th May, 2020**

**Present:** Cllr N J Heslop (Chairman), Cllr R P Betts, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr D Lettington, Cllr P J Montague and Cllr M R Rhodes

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, M C Base, Mrs P A Bates, Mrs S Bell, M D Boughton, V M C Branson, A E Clark, R W Dalton, D A S Davis, M A J Hood, S A Hudson, K King, Mrs R F Lettington, Mrs A S Oakley, W E Palmer, H S Rogers, R V Roud, J L Sergison, T B Shaw, N G Stapleton, K B Tanner and Miss G E Thomas were also present pursuant to Access to Information Rule No 23.

### **PART 1 - PUBLIC**

#### **CB 20/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **CB 20/33 RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY**

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The report of the Management Team provided a strategic overview of the Borough Council's response to the national emergency, the impacts on service delivery, the introduction of priority initiatives and financial impacts. A framework for the development of a future recovery plan, in the form of an Addendum to the Corporate Strategy, was also set out.

It was explained that there would be opportunity for more detailed Member debate on a number of key issues, such as climate change and economic recovery, at various meetings of Advisory Boards and Committees over the coming months.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the overview of the Borough Council's response to the coronavirus emergency be noted;
- (2) for the time being and until the overall impact can be better assessed, the principle of an 'essential spend only' policy in relation to the Borough Council's budget, as imposed by Management Team, be endorsed;

- (3) the intention to submit reports to relevant Advisory Boards and Committees in the future, including in relation to the Climate Change Strategy, the Economic Development Strategy, the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Savings and Transformation Strategy, be noted;
- (4) the preparation of a one year Addendum to the Corporate Strategy, to be reported to a future meeting of the Cabinet, be agreed; and
- (5) the sincere appreciation and thanks of the Cabinet and all Members of the Council be offered to the Chief Executive, Lead Officers and all the members of staff of TMBC for their exemplary attitude in undertaking their duties at home (in many cases) and, for some, in more difficult circumstances. Despite lockdown 'the staff' of TMBC had continued to offer Council Services for the benefit of the residents of the Borough.

**CB 20/34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.31 pm