

**TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION**

<b>Decision Taken By:</b> <b>Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing</b>	<b>Decision Number:</b> <b>D230045MEM</b>
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**Date: 31 May 2023**

<b>Decision(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<b>APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF</b>
Following consideration of one renewal application and one new application for discretionary rate relief, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing resolved that:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) in respect of the re-application for Riverside (Tonbridge) Bowls Club, Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1TN, 20% discretionary rate relief be awarded with effect from 1 April 2023 and time-limited to 31 March 2025;</li><li>(2) in respect of the new application for The National Trust Kent And East Sussex Region, Camping &amp; Caravan Club Site, Styants, Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0ET, discretionary rate relief be refused</li></ol>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) The decision is consistent with other reapplications for relief that were considered in February 2023 with all Community Amateur Sports Clubs having relief approved up to 31 March 2025;</li><li>(2) The application does not fulfil the key elements of the policy:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The organisation must be a local organisation;</li><li>• The organisation must directly benefit Tonbridge &amp; Malling residents and must relieve the Council of providing similar facilities;</li><li>• As a general rule, the Council is unlikely to grant relief to national charities located within the Council's area unless there is some specific benefit to the residents of Tonbridge &amp; Malling Borough Council over and above the benefit to the residents of other areas in which the charity operates</li></ul></li></ol> <p>The applicant is a national charity and use of the site does not directly benefit T&amp;M residents</p>

Signed Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing:	K Tanner
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Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Chief Executive:	J Beilby
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This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.