

**CHARGES FOR USE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

Further to Tonbridge Scouts' request for an item on the charges levied for the use of the Borough Council's public open spaces and car parks for charity and community groups events, the Leader of the Council advised that full details of the Council's policy were set out in Annex 1 to the report considered at the meeting of the Community and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee held on 19 October 2022 which had been included in the Forum's agenda papers. In response to concerns expressed about levying a charge on Brass Bands raising funds for charity the Leader suggested that the Chair of the Forum, Chair of the Scrutiny Select Committee and the Cabinet Members for Finance and Community Services investigate whether it would be possible to ask the select committee to review the charge applied to brass bands performing at charity events in advance of the 2023 season.