

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

09 January 2024

Report of the Interim Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 PETITION – TONBRIDGE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY SITE

The Council has received a petition from the Tonbridge Model Engineering Society 'Urging Tonbridge Council to think again about the new Leisure Centre location'.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Tonbridge Model Engineering Society operate from Council owned land at The Slade in Tonbridge.

1.1.2 At their meeting on 5 December 2023 Cabinet resolved that 'the Angel Centre be demolished and replacement leisure facilities be provided in Tonbridge and, in principle, all options be kept on the table for the future location and nature of such replacement leisure facilities within Tonbridge'.

1.2 Petition

1.2.1 The petition was hosted online via the change.org website and was created on 8 December 2023. The petition was closed on 13 December 2023, having received 2,890 signatures. A copy of the petition can be found at **Annex 1**. Individual's names have been removed for data protection purposes.

1.3 Petition Scheme

1.3.1 In accordance with the Council's adopted petition scheme (attached at **Annex 2**), petitions containing more than 1,500 signatures will be debated by Cabinet or Full Council, whichever body is appropriate.

1.3.2 The petition organiser(s) are also allowed five minutes to present the petition at the meeting prior to discussion by Councillors.

1.3.3 As the matter in question relates to an executive function it is appropriate for the matter to be discussed by Cabinet.

1.3.4 The organisers have been invited to address the Cabinet.

1.3.5 The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of the decision reached and this will also be published on the Borough Council's website.

1.4 Legal Implications

1.4.1 The matters raised in this report are considered to be routine, uncontroversial or not legally complex and a legal opinion has not been sought on these proposals.

1.4.2 The petition is being considered inline with the Council's Petition Scheme.

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.5.1 It is not felt there are any financial and value for money considerations in considering the petition.

1.6 Risk Assessment

1.6.1 It is not felt there are any risks associated with considering the petition.

1.7 Equality Impact Assessment

1.7.1 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.

1.8 Recommendations

1.8.1 Cabinet are RECOMMENDED to:

1.8.2 Receive and consider the petition at Annex 1

Background papers:

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Nil

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