

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Planning	Decision Number: D240030MEM
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Date: 14 March 2024

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
REGULATION 18B CONSULTATION – REQUEST TO EXTEND HOURS OF PRINCIPAL PLANNING OFFICER (PPO) AND INTERIM PLANNING POLICY MANAGER
Following consideration of the request, the Cabinet Member for Planning RESOLVED that: (1) the Local Plan Reserve be utilised to fill the funding gap in order to meet the cost required for both of the extensions as set out below.
Reasons for decision: The Interim Planning Policy Manager is currently working 20 hours per week as cover until a permanent replacement can be employed. Given the impending timeframe for the Regulation 18b Local Plan, there is a need to increase these hours up to a maximum of 32 hours until August 2024. These hours will be worked flexibly given the existing commitments of the Interim Planning Policy Manager. There is also a need to increase the hours of the part time PPO. The PPO currently works 28 hours and has requested an additional 4 hours to manage current workloads. It is requested that this temporary arrangement be in place until 23 October 2024. The above request can be jointly funded by the current vacant establishment posts of the Principal Planning Officer and Planning Policy Manager. There is also a need to draw some of the funding from the Local Plan Reserve, although this only accounts for a small amount of the funding required.

Signed Cabinet Member for Planning:	M Taylor
Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Interim Chief Executive:	A Stanfield
Date of publication:	15 March 2024

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.