

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Management Team

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING DRAFT PRODUCTIVITY PLAN

This report seeks endorsement for the Draft Tonbridge and Malling Productivity Plan.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 On 16 April 2024, the Chief Executive received a letter from Simon Hoare MP, the Minister for Local Government asking local councils across the country to produce productivity plans as part of a drive towards improving productivity in Local Government.

1.2 Productivity Plans

1.2.1 Whilst wishing to improve productivity in Local Government, it is recognised by the Minister for Local Government that:

- A huge amount has already been done in recent years to improve productivity and efficiency.
- There are still challenges and Government is keen to understand what is working well in councils and whether these can be replicated across the whole country.
- The creation of Productivity Plans should not place an excessive burden on local authorities and should be three or four pages in length.

1.2.2 Whilst no template has been provided for the Productivity Plans, there are four themes that are central to the information that Government is seeking to acquire from local authorities:

1. How we have transformed the way we design and deliver services to make better use of resources.
2. How we plan to take advantage of technology and make better use of data to improve decision making, service design and use of resources.

3. Our plans to reduce wasteful spend within our organisation and systems.
4. The barriers preventing progress that the Government can help to reduce or remove.

1.2.3 Productivity Plans must be submitted to Government by 19 July 2024 and subsequently uploaded on to our website to ensure residents are able to view it. Government also expects that Productivity Plans are reviewed on a regular basis.

1.3 Tonbridge and Malling Productivity Plan

1.3.1 The Draft Tonbridge and Malling Productivity Plan is provided in Appendix 1.

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.

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.5.1 There are no financial or value for money considerations arising directly from this report.

1.6 Risk Assessment

1.6.1 There is little to no risk associated with the production of this Productivity Plan.

1.7 Policy Considerations

1.7.1 The aims of the Productivity Plan accord closely with the priorities of the Tonbridge and Malling Corporate Strategy 2023-2027 which has three key priorities:

- Innovation – embracing new ideas and technology, and proactively finding solutions that improve our services to residents.
- Transformation – adapting so we can meet the standards residents, businesses and all those involved in the borough council rightly expect.
- Delivery – ensuring we set ambitious targets that we strive to meet, in order to provide high quality public services for our residents.

1.8 Recommendations

1.8.1 That Members **ENDORSE** the Tonbridge and Malling Productivity Plan as set out in Appendix 1.

Background papers:

Nil

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