

**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>D240076MEM</b>
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**Date: 12 July 2024**

<b>Decision(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<b>APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY PREMIUM CHARGE</b>
(Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))
Following consideration of an application for discretionary relief, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing RESOLVED that:
(1) in accordance with the Empty Homes and Second Homes Premium Policy 2024-25, an application to waive the council tax premium charge be REFUSED
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>
(1) Consideration had been given to the taxpayer's circumstances - however, it was felt that they did not warrant a discretionary award to waive the premium charge. The proposed Government exception to the premium charge regarding actively marketing the property for sale or rent did not cover this scenario as the estate of the deceased was not willing to reduce the sale price and were unwilling to let the property in the meantime.

Signed Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing:	K Tanner
Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Chief Executive:	D Roberts
Date of publication:	15 July 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.