

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing	Decision Number: D240086MEM
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Date: 23 August 2024

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY PREMIUM CHARGE
<p>(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))</p> <p>Following consideration of an application for discretionary relief, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing RESOLVED that:</p> <p>(1) in accordance with the Empty Homes and Second Homes Premium Policy 2024-25, a premium charge for an uninhabitable property be cancelled for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 using discretionary powers under Section 13A(1)(c) Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p>
Reasons for decision:
<p>(1) The property has been empty since 21 February 2023 and a 12 month uninhabitable discount was awarded as it needed major repair and structural alteration. The discount expired 21 February 2024 and the premium charge started 1 April 2024 as the property had been empty for over a year.</p> <p>Government will formally approve exceptions to the premium charge at some point this year, one of which is for uninhabitable properties. The premium charge is causing exceptional hardship to the taxpayer and preventing the property from being fully repaired, which following an inspection shows there are still extensive works to be done. The family are currently renting in the borough and have advised they must move into the property by March next year.</p>

Signed Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing:	K Tanner
Signed Deputy Leader:	M Coffin

Signed Chief Executive:	D Roberts
Date of publication:	28 August 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.