

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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Joint Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services and Director of Finance & Transformation

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Council

1 CAPITAL WORKS – CAR PARKS

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 At the Cabinet Meeting on 30 April 2024, Cabinet made a number of decisions relating to parking proposals throughout the Borough. To allow the new charges to be implemented a number of fast-track capital plan schemes are required to be progressed to allow delivery this financial year.

1.1.2 There are three schemes that are currently held on List C of the Capital Plan. These are;

- Bailey Bridge East Car Park Improvements, Aylesford.
- Introduction of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).
- Parking Amendments to Car Parks and On-Street Parking.

1.1.3 A fast track capital plan evaluation has been completed for each of the schemes and are shown in **Annexes 1, 2 & 3**.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 The schemes have been developed to allow the implementation of the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting on 30 April 2024. Procurement will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Procurement rules with the assistance of the Mid Kent Procurement Partnership.

1.2.2 A planning application will be required for the scheme at Aylesford and Cabinet's approval to submit the application is sought.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 Cabinet will note from Annexes 1,2 and 3 that the total cost of the capital schemes proposed is £530,000 which can be funded from the revenue reserve from capital

schemes. Revenue funding of £15,000 is also required for external support to progress design work.

- 1.3.2 The aim of the new parking charges is to balance the management of parking to meet the needs of all users, optimise the availability of parking, maximise income subject to market conditions and provide consistency across the Council's parking assets in a fair commercial and efficient manner.
- 1.3.3 It is worthy of note that many of the Council's car parks represent a significant asset in terms of resale and for development. It is essential given the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy that the Council seeks to ensure that the assets are managed in the most economically advantageous manner.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 The capital plan schemes need to be fast-tracked to allow the delivery of the decisions already taken by Cabinet within financial year. Without the capital works the new parking charges cannot be delivered.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 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.

1.6 Policy Considerations

- 1.6.1 Asset Management
- 1.6.2 Community
- 1.6.3 Procurement

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 **CABINET** is requested to recommend to **COUNCIL** that;
- i) The three fast track capital schemes shown in **Annexes 1, 2 & 3** be transferred to List A of the capital planning this financial year to enable the introduction of new parking charges;
 - ii) Capital funding of £530,000 for the capital works be met from the revenue reserve from capital schemes;
 - iii) Authority be granted to the Director of Central Services/Deputy Chief Executive to submit a planning application for the scheme in the Bailey Bridge East car park Aylesford ; and
 - iv) Revenue funding of £15,000 be included in the revised revenue estimates to appoint external consultants to assist in the design of the schemes.

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