

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Planning	Decision Number: D240094(1)MEM
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Date: 27 September 2024

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
RESPONSE TO PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM CONSULTATION
<p>Following consideration of the proposed response to the Government's consultation on the proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system and having due regard to the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 26 September 2024 in respect of an amendment to the response to Question 73, the Cabinet Member for Planning RESOLVED that:</p> <p>(1) subject to an amendment to the response to Question 73 of the consultation to reflect that solar panels be made mandatory to be installed by developers for all new housing, the response to the consultation be submitted as agreed to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p>
Reasons for decision: <p>On 30 July 2024 the Government published its consultation on proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system. The consultation ran until 24 September 2024 and comprised 106 questions. The Government had confirmed that it would respond to the consultation and would publish a revised NPPF before the end of the year, so that policy changes could take effect as soon as possible. A response to the consultation had been drafted and had been agreed by the Cabinet Member for Planning, as attached at Annex 1 to the original Decision Notice No. D240094MEM agreeing to submit the response to the consultation within the consultation period to MHCLG.</p> <p>In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, decision D240094MEM was the subject of a call-in and was scrutinised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 September 2024. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the grounds for the call-in and had regard to the responses provided by the Cabinet Member for Planning and the views of the Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee of 24 September 2024. After in-depth discussion and a formal vote the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that Decision No. D240094MEM be revised to reflect an amendment to the response to Question 73 of the consultation in respect of making installation of solar panels</p>

mandatory by developers for all new housing, as set out in Minute Number OS 24/44.

After careful consideration of the views of the Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee of 24 September 2024 and the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 26 September 2024, the Cabinet Member for Planning agreed to the recommended amendment to Decision No. D240094MEM, which was superseded by Decision No. D240094(1)MEM.

Signed Cabinet Member for Planning:	M Taylor
Signed Deputy Leader:	M Coffin
Signed Chief Executive:	D Roberts
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In accordance with Rule 15(h) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision is not subject to call-in.