

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

02 March 2015

Report of the Director of Street Scene and Leisure

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 STREET SCENE ACTION PLAN 2014/15 – UPDATE

Summary

This report updates Members on progress with a range of ‘street scene’ initiatives and projects being implemented in 2014/15.

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The appearance of our streets continues to be of great importance to our residents. Consequently, one of the Council’s Key Corporate Priorities is to provide “a clean, smart, well maintained and sustainable Borough”.
- 1.1.2 Street Scene is a cross-cutting theme which impacts on a range of our council services and involves a number of partners, for example Kent Highways, Police, Social Landlords and the Environment Agency.
- 1.1.3 The Street Scene Action Plan 2014/15 was approved in March 2014 and an update was provided to the September 2014 meeting of this board. The action plan sets out a range of initiatives which aim to improve local environmental quality. The involvement of a range of partners, who regularly attend the Street Scene Officer Study Group, provides a more considered and combined input to the initiatives we want to take forward.
- 1.1.4 **[Annex 1]** shows progress made in respect of the Action Plan.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 Improvement actions included in the Street Scene Action Plan are funded within our budget or those of partner organisations. Officers continue to explore and seek opportunities for third party funding to supplement Street Scene activities.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 Ongoing improvements to Street Scene will improve the public and businesses perception of the Borough and the Council.

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 Recommendations

CABINET IS RECOMMENDED ENDORSE the approach outlined in this report and **NOTE** the projects and progress across a wide range of street scene related initiatives.

The Director of Street Scene & Leisure confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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