

**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>D240138MEM</b>
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**Date: 11 December 2024**

<b>Decision(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<b>APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY PREMIUM CHARGE</b>
<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, an application to waive the council tax premium charge be REFUSED.</p>
<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The proposed Government exception to the premium charge regarding actively marketing the property for sale or rent does not come into effect until April 2025. It was felt that difficulties in selling the property (the property is assisted living accommodation, so has very high ground rent/service charges) were not exceptional. Probate had been granted nearly 2 years ago so it was also felt there had been sufficient time to review the price of the property to make it easier to sell.</p> <p>This decision is consistent with a similar application that had been considered and refused earlier this year.</p>

Signed Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing:	<i>K Tanner</i>
Signed Leader:	<i>M Boughton</i>
Signed Chief Executive:	<i>D Roberts</i>

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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.