

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services	Decision Number: D250067MEM
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Date: 27 May 2025

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
Application for Section 13A 1(C) Council Tax Discount
<p>Reason: A taxpayer has applied for a S13A 1(C) for a property which is a listed building and requires substantial work in order to bring it into a state where it is suitable for occupation. Because it is a listed building planning permission is required before any work can commence. The Council's own planning section took 6 months to provide pre-planning advice and following the planning application made in December 2024, no decision has yet been made, meaning work cannot commence. 100% Council tax premium has been charged from 29 September 2024 following the various delays.</p> <p>Following consideration of the policy, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services RESOLVED that:</p> <p>(1) the discount under S13A 1(C) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to waive the 100% premium charge, starting 29 September 2024, be awarded.</p>
Reasons for decision:
<p>It is not reasonable to charge a council tax premium on a property that is only still empty because of delays caused by one of the Council's own departments. It would be difficult to justify charging this if challenged.</p>

Signed Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services:	<i>M Coffin</i>
Signed Leader:	<i>M Boughton</i>
Signed Chief Executive:	<i>D Roberts</i>
Date of publication:	16 June 2025

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.