

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services	Decision Number: D250096MEM
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Date: 22 August 2025

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
Business Rates Discretionary Relief Awards
Reason: Application received from a business on the basis that retail rate relief had been reduced from 75% to 40% for the 2025/26 year, and increased costs of business rates and other expenses will be problematic. Business accounts over the recent years show a profit in the two most recent accounting years but the profit level has reduced.
Following consideration of the policy, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services RESOLVED that: (1) the application for the award of discretionary relief, be refused.
Reasons for decision: It was central government policy to reduce the percentage of retail rate relief for 2025/26 and not the responsibility of local government to bridge this gap. This is consistent with other decisions of a similar nature and there is nothing exceptional about the circumstances of this particular business.

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:	26 August 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.