

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Leader of the Council (on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services)	Decision Number: D250120MEM
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Date: 13 November 2025

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
Application for Section 13A 1(C) Council Tax Discount
<p>A taxpayer has applied for a S13A 1(C) due to a shortfall in income that leaves it difficult to afford the rent. The taxpayer has specific family circumstances that render it impossible to downsize to a property with a cheaper rent. The taxpayer is not entitled to council tax reduction because her income is above the maximum threshold but as mentioned this is swallowed up by an expensive rent. The taxpayer has a universal credit award that includes housing costs so would also be eligible to apply for a discretionary housing payment (DHP).</p> <p>Following consideration of the policy, the Leader RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) the application for a discount under S13A 1(C) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, be refused; and(2) the applicant be invited to submit a DHP application.
Reasons for decision:
<p>The root cause of the financial hardship is a shortfall of income to meet the rent. The DHP scheme is designed to support residents, where appropriate, with housing costs so an application under that scheme would be welcomed instead.</p>

Signed Leader:	<i>M Boughton</i>
Signed Chief Executive:	<i>D Roberts</i>
Date of publication:	18 November 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.