

## **TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION**

<b>Decision Taken By:</b> <b>Cabinet Member for Housing, Environment and Economy</b>	<b>Decision Number:</b> <b>D250129MEM</b>
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**Date: 28 November 2025**

<b>Decision(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<b>Green Business Grant Scheme Round 6</b>
<p>This report attached in the Annex provides information on delivering Round 6 of the Green Business Grant Scheme in early 2026, as part of the Business Rates Pool (Shared Growth Fund) Programme as approved by Cabinet in July 2025. Based on findings from previous rounds of the initiative and given the current state of the economy, it is proposed that the existing guidance notes be amended to attract a greater level of interest and therefore a higher number of submissions to the scheme.</p> <p>Proposed key changes to the guidance notes are: an increase in the grant intervention rate – from 40% to 50% – along with amendments which seek to further clarify the process for applicants.</p> <p>Following consideration of the options, the Cabinet Member for Housing, Environment and Economy RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) the report, attached in the Annex, be noted;</li><li>(2) the amendments as set out under Section 3 of the report, be agreed; and</li><li>(3) the plans for the delivery of Round 6 of the scheme, be approved.</li></ol>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>
<p>The delivery of this scheme is a key part of the Business Rates Pool (Shared Growth Fund) Programme and a contributor to the aims and objectives of the Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 and the Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030. Through the provision of grant funding, the Borough Council is supporting both carbon reduction measures and sustainable business growth.</p>

Signed Cabinet Member for Housing, Environment and Economy:	R Betts
Signed Leader:	M Boughton

Signed Chief Executive:	D Roberts
Date of publication:	1 December 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.