TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services	**Decision Number: D260020MEM**

Date: 2 March 2026

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RELIEF AWARDS
Application received from a Post Office. For 2025/26, the business received 40% Retail, Hospitality and Leisure relief but the government ended this relief for 2026/27. However, the business would be eligible for the new 'Supporting Small Business relief' and would have the rates increased capped to a maximum of £800, which represented a significant reduction on the full bill. They stated how important the post office was for the local community. Following consideration of the policy, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services resolved that: (1) The application for discretionary rate relief, be refused.
Reasons for decision: Statutory reliefs will be awarded as a matter of course to mitigate the normal increase in the business rates for 2026/27.

Signed Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services:	M Coffin
Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Chief Executive:	D Roberts
Date of publication:	4 March 2026

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.