

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Decision Taken By: Director of Planning, Housing & Regulatory Services	Decision No: D260010OFF
Delegated Authority (under which decision taken): Authority delegated to the Director of Planning, Housing & Regulatory Services under Part 3 of the Constitution and set out in the Scheme of Functions delegated to Officers.	
Decision Type:	Non-Key
Date of Decision:	14 May 2026

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
Submission of consultation response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on changes to the Planning Fees and a National Fee Schedule
Following consideration of the options, the Director of Planning, Housing and Regulatory Services RESOLVED that: (1) a response to the MHCLG “Fees for Planning Applications” consultation be submitted on behalf of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.
Reason: The consultation ran from 23 March 2026 until 18 May 2026 and there was no Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee (HPSSC) during the consultation period. As there were no committee dates prior to the submission deadline the decision was taken that a response would be drafted by officers in consultation with the Council Leader and Portfolio holder for Planning and submitted to the MHCLG.

Details of any Alternatives Considered:
Not to submit a consultation response to MHCLG.

Reason(s) why rejected:	It was important that a response was submitted on behalf of the Council so that the views of the Council could be taken into account when the Government consider any reforms to the fees for planning applications.
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Conflicts of Interest/Dispensations Granted:
There were no conflicts of interest declared or dispensations granted by or to any Member who was consulted in respect of this decision.
Background Papers (if any):
None.

Signed Director of Planning, Housing & Regulatory Services:	E Hoyle
Date of publication:	14 May 2026

This decision will come into force immediately as 'call in' does not apply to operational non-key officer decisions.