

## **Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement**

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

**Subject: The Sevenoaks/Moat "A Home of Your Own" scheme**

### **Details of Decision taken:**

To modify the terms of the Sevenoaks/Moat "A Home of Your Own" scheme within the agreed funding parameters, as follows:

1. Eligibility under the scheme to also include first time buyers who have:
  - lived in the District for five out of the last ten years;
  - close family members living in the District for ten years continuous;
  - other special circumstances to be considered on a case by case basis by the Chief Housing Officer.
2. Eligibility under the scheme to also include those applicant groups specified in the adopted Intermediate Housing Allocations Protocol.

### **Reason for Decision :**

**The Sevenoaks/Moat "A Home of Your Own" scheme was launched in March 2013 using funding from S106 affordable housing contributions (approved in October 2012). The scheme is assisting twelve local households into affordable owner occupation. Existing housing association tenants have priority, as their vacated tenancies are used to house others in housing need.**

**Three (of the twelve) purchases remain to be allocated. Intelligence gathered from the scheme to date indicates modifications to the scheme will assist in the most effective placement of the remaining allocations.**

**Moat are willing to adopt the above modifications.**

### **All Documents considered:**

**None.**

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:**

**Financial Implications:**

**All of the modifications will be contained within the agreed funding parameters.**

**Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement**

**It is intended the existing legal agreement with Moat will be amended by exchange of letters.**

**Equality Impacts** (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	Moat have undertaken to contact those applicants who have previously been ineligible under the scheme, to ascertain whether the approved scheme modifications now provide eligibility.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A.

**Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted**

**Cllr Michelle Lowe**

**Cllr Robert Piper**

**Details of any conflicts of interest**

**a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker**

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<b>b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict</b>	
<b>Decision taken by:</b>	1) Cllr Michelle Lowe, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety 2) Cllr Robert Piper, Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment
<b>Signed by Portfolio Holder</b>	[Redacted]
<b>Date of Decision</b>	19/8/14.
<b>Record made by:</b>	George Lewis
<b>Date of record:</b>	19.08.14

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