Decision Number: 19 (7014/15)

# **Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement**

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

Subject: Sevenoaks Switch-and-Save (scheme arrangements)

### **Details of Decision taken**

To agree spending arrangements for received commission through the Sevenoaks Switch-and-Save scheme.

#### Reason for Decision

The District Council will receive a commission from a third party for each switch taking place through its new Sevenoaks Switch-and-Save service. All such funds are to be reinvested in further energy efficiency and fuel poverty initiatives to help the local community. These are under the headings, as follows: 1) Further promotional work to increase awareness of the switching scheme; and 2) Energy saving devices for older and vulnerable people to help tackle fuel poverty and reduce negative effects on health, particularly around excess winter mortality. The scheme will therefore have an additional positive impact by providing separate assistance to older and vulnerable people in the community.

#### All Documents considered:

- Climate Local Sevenoaks
- Sevenoaks District Housing Action Plan (2012)

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

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

No issues to consider

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	Funds will be directed to those in greatest need – a positive action, therefore.

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Question		Answer	Explanation / Evidence		
b.	Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	Again, funds will be directed to those in greatest need.		
c.	What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A		

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

## Details of any conflicts of interest

- a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker
- b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

Decision taken by:	Cllr Robert Piper, Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment		
Signed by Portfolio Holder			
Date of Decision	13/08/14		
Record made by:	George awis		
Date of record:	19/08/14		