

Decision Number: 38 (2014/15)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject:

SDC consultation response to central government consultation on Planning and Travellers

Details of Decision taken

Response to government consultation on Planning and Travellers, including potential change in definition of gypsy and travellers and increased restrictions on development in the green belt and on intentional unauthorised occupation of land.

Reason for Decision

To provide a response to the government consultation, setting out the Council's views on the proposed changes.

All Documents considered:

Response attached.

Government consultation document can be viewed on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-and-travellers-proposed-changes-to-planning-policy-and-guidance>

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

The Council does not have to respond to this consultation, but it is considered useful to set out the Council's views on the proposed changes.

Financial implications

N/A

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

N/A

Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty) this can be deleted if the decision has been taken on a report format and the heading already filled in

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?	Yes	This is recognised by the government consultation, which includes an equalities statement – see link above.

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b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	The government's proposals aim to introduce greater equality into the planning system.
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		Please see equalities statement in link above
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted		
Cllr Searles and Cllr Hunter (deputy Portfolio Holders)		
Details of any conflicts of interest		
a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker		
n/a		
b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict		
n/a		
Decision taken by:	Cllr Piper - Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment	
Signed by Portfolio Holder		
Date of Decision	20/11/14	
Record made by:	George Lewis	
Date of record:	21 November 2014	