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Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: *Funding to commission a housing needs study for the Sevenoaks District.*

Details of Decision:

To approve a sum of £58,482.96 from Section 106 Affordable Housing Planning contributions to commission the services of arc4 to undertake a housing study.

Reason for Decision:

In order to develop the District Council's new housing strategy and, in the process, support the delivery of wider community strategy, robust evidence is required. This is also essential to support any related planning applications for affordable and specialist housing as we move forward. Following on from a member brainstorming event, it was agreed that further detailed evidence was required. The housing study will provide detailed data down to ward level and will enable the District Council and its partners to better target housing and related support services to meet current and future need. In doing so, this will also contribute to creating efficiency savings by making best use of increasingly-limited resources.

All Documents considered:

Housing Strategy Action Plan; Community Plan.

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

None

Financial implications

None to consider other than the requirement from S106 funding pot.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

Required as part of the planning process and the programme would be undeliverable without such evidence.

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

The housing strategy work programme ensures that the needs and special considerations of all client groups are routinely and objectively considered as part of the strategy development process. The programme aims to improve housing options for those unable to afford to purchase and/or rent on the open market and includes provisions such as the promotion of accessibility for all, which will contribute to tackling poverty, social exclusion and the regeneration of

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disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

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

Cllr Michelle Lowe, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health

Cllr Robert Piper, Portfolio Holder for Planning

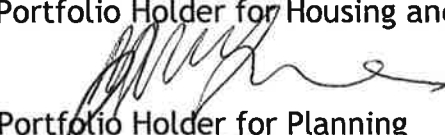
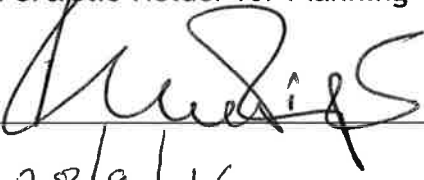
Details of any conflicts of interest

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

None

b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

N/A

Decision taken by:	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health; and Portfolio Holder for Planning
Signed by Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health  Portfolio Holder for Planning 
Date of Decision	28/9/16.
Record made by:	
Date of record:	

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