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Decision Number: 02 (2017/18)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Amendment to S106 funding allocations, on 4th January 2016, for the West Kent Housing Association (WKHA) Under-Occupation Officer post and Small is Beautiful incentive scheme (for the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018).

Details of Decision taken:

To allocate £25,000 from S106 affordable housing contributions to fund the WKHA Small is Beautiful incentive scheme for 2017/18.

Reason for Decision:

As per Decision number 22 (2015/16), funding of £35,215 was originally approved for 2017/18. This included £20,000 contribution to the Small is Beautiful incentive scheme and £15,215 towards the Under-occupation Officer post. However, following a re-structure at WKHA earlier this year, the dedicated Under-occupation Officer post no longer exists. Downsizing facilitation and support will now be carried out by the Allocations Team as part of their wider role. Therefore, the £15,215 funding is no longer required.

The Small is Beautiful incentive scheme continues to be very successful and effective. There have been over 100 downsizes completed in the last three years, releasing family size housing which has been re-let to families who were facing homelessness or living in overcrowded conditions.

To help meet continuing demand for the scheme, it is proposed that the Council's contribution is increased from £20,000 to £25,000 for 2017/18. This is considered to represent good value for money, taking into account the project outcomes to date.

The input of Council funding will be dependent on the input of joint funding by WKHA.

Although this is an increase of £5,000, when taking into account the removal of the Under-occupation Officer post there is an overall reduction in funding of £10,215.

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All Documents considered:

None.

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

None.

Financial implications:

This amendment will result in a saving of £10,215.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

As per committee report: Strategy for Under-occupation in the Social Sector (13/09/12).

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

As per committee report: Strategy for Under-occupation in the Social Sector (13/09/12).



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

Lesley Bowles - Chief Officer Communities & Business

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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:	Portfolio Holder for Planning Leader of the Council, on behalf of Portfolio Holder for Housing & Health
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	17. 05. 17 
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