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Decision Number: 15 (2017/18)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject:

Minor amendment to the West Kent Cold Store Section 106 funding.

Details of Decision taken:

To approve the allocation of the index linked Section 106 funds in line with the existing purpose of funding to extend the Community Development Project and the Officers contract to finish project work by 31 March 2020.

Thereafter there will be a period of time allocated to winding up of the project including finalising admin and the completion of an evaluation report.

Reason for Decision:

There have been a number of successful projects delivered in Dunton Green to bring the existing residents of the parish and the new community at Ryewood together.

The Ryewood estate is still developing and more people have yet to move into the village. The project extension will ensure that those new residents have the opportunity to get involved and all projects will have longer to ensure a successful sustainable exit strategy.

Comments from Berkeley Homes noted in the Cabinet Report on 6th Dec 2012 about the existing three year project:

That three years may not be sufficient time given the length of build time for the new homes.

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

There are no other alternative options.

Financial implications

There is no financial implication to Sevenoaks District Council as the funding is available through the indexation money via the original Section 106 which is circa £64,000.00. This funding is ring fenced for work within the community and if left unspent will need to be returned to the developers with any interest accrued.

The Parish Council are keen for the project to continue.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

The only implication is that any underspend will go back to the developer.

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

- 1 Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this report directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people.
- 2 There are no negative impacts -All residents are treated equally and fairly regardless of disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, marital or civil partnership, race, gender, carer status or religion and belief.

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

Parish Council have been consulted and the Chief Officer for Communities & Business. The two local members Cllr Brown and Cllr Bayley have also been consulted.


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

None

Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holders for Housing & Health and Community & Economic Development
Signed by Portfolio Holders	
Date of Decision	17 November 2017
Record made by:	Kelly Webb, Community Safety Manager
Date of record:	17 November 2017

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