

Decision Number: 54 (2013/14)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Sevenoaks DC response to CLG Consultation on Planning Performance and Planning Contributions		
Details of Decision taken: The proposed response is agreed.		
Reason for Decision: The proposed response objects to the Government's proposed policy that would limit the Council's opportunities to seek affordable housing provision and contributions. The objection is in accordance with SDC's adopted affordable housing policy (Core Strategy Policy SP3).		
All Documents considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLG's 'Planning Performance and Planning Contributions: Consultation'• Proposed response		
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision: Not objecting to the Government's proposals – this was rejected on the basis that it would severely limit the Council's opportunities to seek affordable housing contributions/provision in the future.		
Financial implications There are no financial implications of sending a consultation response. If adopted, the Government's proposal would severely limit the Council's opportunities to seek affordable housing contributions.		
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement There are no legal implications of sending a consultation response.		
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	The consultation response itself does not have any equality impacts as it would not result in a change in policy. The equality impacts of the Council's affordable housing policy were assessed prior to the adoption of the Core Strategy. Any

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b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	No	benefits (or disbenefits) would be undermined by the Government's proposal.
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		n/a
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted		
Richard Morris – Chief Planning Officer		
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:	Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment	
Signed by Portfolio Holder	[REDACTED]	
Date of Decision	25 April 2014	
Record made by:	George Lewis	
Date of record:	6 May 2014	

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