Question

Decision Number: 12 (2014/15)

## **Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement**

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

Subject: Housing needs sub-survey
Details of Decision taken
To agree S106 affordable housing funding of £2,126.88 to contribute towards a housing needs sub-survey for Swanley to enable strategy development.
Reason for Decision
There is a lack of up-to-date information on housing requirements in the District and updates are required to fully understand changing demographics and how this will affect housing requirements into the future. This survey will give the District Council a better understanding of housing requirements in the Swanley area and allow us to more effectively develop strategy to meet the housing needs of the local community.
This will correspond with spending criteria in the approved Affordable Housing SPD under 'Initiatives to make better use of the existing stock'.
All Documents considered: None
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:
Financial implications The study cost has been secured from an existing budget and this request is to cover postage only.
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement No issues
Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

Explanation / Evidence

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a.	Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	This study is intended to help plan for all needs in the community and is therefore a positive equality action.
b.	Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	
c.	What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		None required

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

Clir Michelle Lowe Clir Robert Piper Swanley Town Council

**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:	Cllr Michelle Lowe, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety
	Cllr Robert Piper, Portfolio Holder for Local     Planning and Environment
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	18.08.14

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Record made by:	George Lewis
Date of record:	19.08.14