


Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Sevenoaks District Council Housing Allocation Policy Amendment
Details of Decision taken To change the Policy to move households who have no housing need but who have been accepted onto the housing register for rehousing into rural exception sites only from Band D into Band E
Reason for Decision This is an administrative improvement to enable a more efficient operation of the housing register. It will enable applicants with no housing need who have been accepted for rural exception sites to be more easily identified by their date. Applicants accepted for rural exception sites who have a housing need (bands A- D) will be considered first.
All Documents considered: Revised Allocations Policy
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision: None
Financial implications None
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment None

Decision Number: 70 (2014/15)

Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty) This decision has the potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community. However, rural exception sites provide affordable housing opportunities for local people who would otherwise be forced to move away from their communities. Young families, young people leaving home and people on low incomes are the most likely to be affected. This impacts on the economy and essential services in the District such as schools, hospitals, public transport and local business because they will not be able to find staff. In some cases, the shortage of affordable housing has contributed towards a loss of facilities such as schools and shops in rural areas. Accepting households onto the register for this housing provides equality of opportunity.	
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted Pat Smith, Chief Housing Officer	
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:	Cllr Michelle Lowe
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	5/3/15
Record made by:	V Etheridge
Date of record:	3 May 2016

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