

THE HOUSING AND PLANNING ACT 2016

Housing and Health Advisory Committee - 14 June 2016

Report of Chief Planning Officer

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

This report supports the Key Aim of the District Council's emerging housing strategy and related planning considerations.

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Recommendation to the Housing and Health Advisory Committee: That the report be noted.

Reason for recommendation: To keep Members up-to-date with developing legislation and associated policy.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Having received Royal Assent on 12/05/16, The Housing and Planning Act includes a number of elements which will have an influence on future housing strategy here in the Sevenoaks District.
- 2 Key elements of the Act to be discussed, are:
 - Starter Homes;
 - Voluntary Right-to-Buy (including rural considerations);
 - Pay-to-Stay; and
 - A range of deregulatory measures.
- 3 Much of the detail still needs to be clarified by Government, so the Housing Policy Manager will provide a verbal update on the night to ensure Members are provided with the most up-to-date information possible.

Key Implications

Financial

To be determined.

