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Decision Number: 25(2016/17)

## Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Sevenoaks District Council Response to the Kent County Council (KCC) consultation on "Adults with Autism in Kent, a five year strategy", prepared by the Kent Autism Collaborative

Details of Decision taken:

Approval of Sevenoaks District Council corporate response to the public consultation by KCC relating to the consultation for their five year strategy for "Adults with Autism in Kent"

Reason for Decision:

To provide a corporate response to the consultation and to consider the needs and issues of residents within our District who may be affected by proposals set out in the consultation document.

Please see attached response and separate answer to Q11 "General comments" section on the survey.

All Documents considered:

- Appendix A: KCC Strategy for Adults with Autism in Kent: a five year strategy prepared by the Kent Autism Collaborative
- Appendix B: Autism Strategy Consultation Questionnaire, including SDC response
- Appendix C: SDC questionnaire response, Q11 Any other comments
- Appendix D: Equality Impact Assessment.

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

N/A

Financial implications:

This needs to consider the health prevention agenda with acknowledgement of the role district councils have to play in this. In this context, the implications of the strategy that seeks to integrating health and social care should be viewed alongside discussions in the closely related West Kent Public Health Preventative Services devolution model.

The Autism strategy may have implications for the District Council if we are more closely involved with the Kent Autism Collaborative in promoting awareness of Autism in the community, and in helping to meet the needs of people with Autism.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no legal implications or risk associated for Sevenoaks District Council

Equality Impacts

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

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

- All Members of the District Council
- Chief Officer for Communities and Business
- Head of Health and Housing

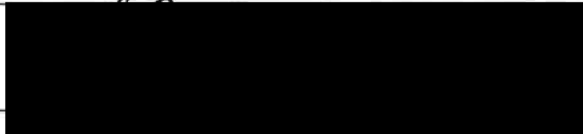
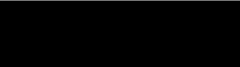
Details of any conflicts of interest

a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker

No interests declared

b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

Not applicable

Decision taken by:	Cllr Michelle Lowe, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health and Housing
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	14 November 2016
Record made by:	
Date of record:	6.12.16

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