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Decision Number: 7 (2018/19)

## Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement


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

<b>Subject:</b> Submission of evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy
<b>Details of Decision taken:</b> To approve the submission of evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy
<b>Reason for Decision:</b> This is a relevant Inquiry for the Council to submit evidence to. The District is a largely rural area and the themes of the Inquiry are relevant to the District's economy.
<b>All Documents considered:</b> The terms of reference for the House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy Inquiry and Call for Evidence: <a href="https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/rural-economy/news-parliament-2017/call-evidence-launch/">https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/rural-economy/news-parliament-2017/call-evidence-launch/</a>  <a href="https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/rural-economy/Rural-economy-Call-for-Evidence.pdf">https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/rural-economy/Rural-economy-Call-for-Evidence.pdf</a>  Draft response from Sevenoaks District Council to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:</b>  A decision not to respond would have resulted in a valuable opportunity to the respond on a key issue for the District Council being lost.
<b>Financial implications:</b>  Not applicable
<b>Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement</b> There are no legal implications and no Risk Assessment is required

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<b>Equality Impacts</b> (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty) 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.	
<b>Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted</b>  None	
<b>Details of any conflicts of interest</b> 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 None	
<b>Decision taken by:</b>	Portfolio Holder for Economic and Community Development
<b>Signed by Portfolio Holder</b>	
<b>Date of Decision</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>Record made by:</b>	Lesley Bowles
<b>Date of record:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018

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