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Decision Number: 13 (2018/19)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement



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

Subject: Older people's housing stock analysis and needs study
Details of Decision taken: To agree £12,840 (+VAT) funding from Section 106 affordable housing planning gains to commission a housing stock and needs analysis for older people.
Reason for Decision: In 2017, the District Council commissioned a local housing need study and this provided a wide-range of data on housing needs across all key client groups. With a growing older population, it is proposed to undertake an additional and more detailed study to map all older people's accommodation across the District by size/type/tenure and to assess accommodation needs at ward level going forward into the future. This evidence will then be used alongside existing and wider housing intelligence to enable the District Council to better plan for older people's accommodation needs into the future - whether it be new-build housing, refurbishment, remodelling and/or modernising of existing premises. In addition, the study will provide data which is required as part of the development of the Local Plan. Once complete, a new older people's housing sub-strategy will be produced and which will set out a plan of action moving forward.
All Documents considered: Housing Strategy 2017 https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/1028/housing_strategy_2017 Local Housing Needs Study 2017 https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/278/local_housing_needs_study_may_2017
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision: None
Financial implications: The study will be funded via S106 affordable housing contributions and with no impact on District Council budgets.
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement: There are no legal implications to consider. With a requirement to produce housing sub-strategies for older people potentially being included in the upcoming

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Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty): The aim of this study is to improve accommodation for older people and, as such, there will be a positive impact on end-users.	
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted	
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, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health; and Cllr Robert Piper, Portfolio Holder for Planning
Signed by Portfolio Holder	Cllr Michelle Lowe, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health  Cllr Robert Piper, Portfolio Holder for Planning 
Date of Decision	28/12/18
Record made by:	
Date of record:	

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