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Decision Number: 24 (2018/19)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Land Transfers to Swanley Town Council

Details of Decision taken:

Transfer the freehold of certain Sevenoaks District Council owned amenity land sites at nil cost to Swanley Town Council.

Reason for Decision:

Swanley Town Council has sought agreement from Sevenoaks District Council to transfer the freehold of certain amenity sites in Swanley at nil cost to the Town Council. Ongoing maintenance and financial responsibilities for these sites will transfer to Swanley Town Council with the freehold. While committed to maintaining Council-owned amenity land Sevenoaks District Council's preference is for such amenity lands to be locally owned and maintained to support neighbourhood priorities.

All Documents considered:

Plans showing outline of amenity land sites proposed for transfer:
Plan of playground and surrounding amenity land in Cherry Avenue
Plan of amenity land at Bartholomew Way Park
Plan showing amenity land in Reeves Crescent, in Hart Dyke Crescent and in front of numbers 18-64, 31-45 and 92 to 106, Oliver Road.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision: None

Financial implications:

Sevenoaks District Council will meet both its own and Swanley Town Council's conveyancing costs associated with the land transfers. Such costs are deemed offset by the annual reduction in grounds maintenance expenditure associated with the sites



Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement:

Legitimate transfer of the amenity land freehold has no legal implication and reduces risk by relieving the Council of ongoing maintenance liabilities.

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Equality Impacts: (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.	
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services Head of Economic Development and Property <i>Chief Finance Officer</i> Head of Direct Services	
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: - None	
Decision taken by:	Portfolio-holder for Direct and Trading Services
Signed by Portfolio Holder:	 
Date of Decision:	18.4.19 30.04.19
Record made by:	Ian Finch
Date of record:	1.5.2019

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