

Decision Number:

## Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

**Subject:**

To reallocate a sum of £265,183 from Section 106 (S106) affordable housing planning gains to support the delivery of another project.

**Details of Decision taken:**

The reallocation of £265,183 from S106 affordable housing planning gains which were previously earmarked for another project though not subsequently required due to a project underspend.

**Reason for Decision:**

Back in 2018/19, the District Council agreed to allocate a sum of funding from S106 affordable housing planning gains to finance the part-purchase of Gladedale House in Westerham as part of a joint venture between Quercus 7 and Quercus Housing. A project underspend of £265,183 remains and approval is consequently sought to reallocate these remaining funds in order to contribute towards the proposed purchase of 11-13 High Street, Swanley. As with the Gladedale House project, this new project will deliver new affordable housing in the District and the proposed switch in investment will correspond with S106 spending criteria (as set out in the District Council's Core Strategy, 2011). This project will also directly support delivery of the District Council's Housing Strategy (2017) and Community Plan (2019-22) as well contributing to wider sub-regional, county and national strategy.

**All Documents considered:**

Housing Strategy 2017

[https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/308/housing\\_strategy\\_2017](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/308/housing_strategy_2017)

Community Plan

[https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20026/your\\_community/290/community\\_plan](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20026/your_community/290/community_plan)

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

None

**Financial implications**

The project will be funded from S106 affordable housing developer contributions and with no impact on District Council budgets, therefore.

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**Equality Impacts**

*This project will provide additional affordable housing for those in housing need. The housing will be allocated through the Sevenoaks District Housing Register (SDHR) and which accords with and promotes equality of opportunity. As such, there will be fully positive impacts.*

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

*Cllr Kevin Maskell (Housing and Health Portfolio Holder); Sarah Robson, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer People & Places*

**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:**

*Cllr Julia Thornton (Portfolio Holder for Planning)  
Cllr Kevin Maskell (Housing and Health Portfolio Holder)*

**Signed by Portfolio Holder**

*Cllr Julia Thornton (Portfolio Holder for Planning)*  
  
*Cllr Kevin Maskell (Housing and Health Portfolio Holder)*  


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