

## DIGITAL INCLUSION UPDATE

Housing & Health Advisory Committee - 23 November 2021

**Report of:** Chief Officer - People & Places

**Status:** For information

**Also considered by:**

**Key Decision:** No

**Executive Summary:** This report is an update on Digital Inclusion & Exclusion across the District

**This reports support the Key Aim of:** The Community Plan

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Kevin Maskell

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**Recommendation to Housing & Health Advisory Committee:**

To consider the report.

**Reason for recommendation:** To ensure Members are updated on Digital Inclusion & Exclusion initiatives being provided by the District Council.

### Introduction and Background

- 1 Sevenoaks District Council have been working with Compaid and KCC around Digital Inclusion and exclusion.
- 2 This report provides an update on the work achieved by the Council and future plans around Digital Inclusion

### Other options Considered and/or rejected

None.

### Key Implications

#### Financial

No financial cost, as this has been sourced externally

#### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

## Equality Assessment

- 1 Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this report directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.
- 2 There are no negative impacts - the report applies to all.

## Community Impact and Outcomes

Has a high community Impact

## Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

## **Conclusions**

The report highlights the work of the District Council to address Digital Inclusion

### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Presentation

### **Background Papers**

None

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