

Decision Number: 12 - 2021/22

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Funding contribution to the West Kent HA “Small is Beautiful” downsizing incentive scheme.

Details of Decision taken: to approve the allocation of £25,000 from the S106 affordable housing pots to part fund the Small is Beautiful scheme in 2021/22.

Reason for Decision: The Small is Beautiful scheme is run by West Kent HA to assist its existing tenants to downsize from social rented housing that is too large for their needs. Under the scheme, a cash incentive grant is payable to tenants to encourage downsizing. The scheme ensures much needed family sized housing is freed up, which assists the District Council to meet its statutory housing duties. It also helps existing tenants move to smaller homes that are better suited to their needs. The District Council’s contribution is conditional on joint funding being provided by West Kent HA.

All Documents considered: None.

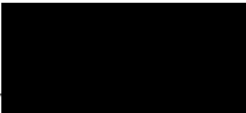
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision: None.

Financial implications: sufficient monies have been identified within the S106 affordable housing pots to fund this project.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement: There are no legal implications.

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<p>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.</p>	
<p>Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and Chief Officer/Head of Service Consulted</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Maskell - Portfolio Holder for Housing & Health Cllr Julia Thornton - Portfolio Holder for Development & Conservation Abigail Agba - Interim Head of Housing Sarah Robson - Chief Officer People & Places</p>	
<p>Details of any conflicts of interest a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker</p> <p>b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict</p>	
Decision taken by:	Cllr Kevin Maskell - Portfolio Holder for Housing & Health
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	22/2/22

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Record made by:	ABinnie
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