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6. Caravan Site Licencing Fees	(Pages 19 - 20)	Daniel Shaw Tel: 01732227155
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Item 6 - Caravan Site Licencing Fees

The attached report was considered by the Housing & Health Advisory Committee on 29 September 2020. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Housing & Health Advisory Committee (29 September 2020 - Minute 47)

The Private Sector Housing Manager presented the report which advised Members that with the introduction of the Mobile Homes Act 2013, the Council was now able to charge a fee to license residential caravan sites. Charging a fee would enable the Council to monitor site license compliance more effectively which would ensure residents' health and safety was better protected and the value of their homes safeguarded. The Council would then be able to take enforcement action where site owners were not managing and maintaining their sites and services adequately.

The report also outlined the background behind the Mobile Homes Act 2013, explained the types of sites that the fees could be applied to, how many relevant sites there were in the Sevenoaks district and the expected income if the recommendations were approved.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet to adopt

- a) the Fees Policy for Relevant Protected Sites as set out in the Appendix to the report, from 1 September 2020; and
- b) a charge for licensing fees for Relevant Protected Sites in accordance with the Mobile Homes Act 2013, to apply as from 1 September 2020.

Item 7 - The future of the 'Sevenoaks Switch and Save' Scheme

The attached report was considered by the Housing & Health Advisory Committee on 29 September 2020. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Housing & Health Advisory Committee (29 September 2020 - Minute 48)

The Private Sector Housing Manager presented the report which set out options for the future delivery of energy comparison services. This included continuing to provide the Sevenoaks Switch and Save Scheme or supporting residents in accessing other existing nationally recognised services, set out as Options A or B at paragraph 21 of the report.

Members debated the options before them, discussing the benefits of the current scheme and expressing some concern that those currently benefitting could be the least digitally literate and could therefore lose out. It was noted if Option B were adopted, promotional improvements would be required to ensure an increased use of national energy switching services seen in the present scheme.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the preferred choice is Option B, to no longer fund or provide the Council's dedicated 'Sevenoaks Switch and Save' Scheme and instead promote existing nationally recognised energy switching comparison services and support local residents to access them at no cost to the Council.

Item 8 - Rough Sleepers - Covid-19 response update report

The attached report was considered by the Housing & Health Advisory Committee on 29 September 2020. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Housing & Health Advisory Committee (29 September 2020 - Minute 49)

The Head of Housing & Health presented the report which provided Members with an update on the homelessness work to place rough sleepers into accommodation as part of this Council's response to COVID19. The Council continued to support homelessness people at risk of rough sleeping in temporary accommodation, as part of this Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The aim was to support everyone in hotels, who wanted more permanent housing, to move-on and provide them with the required support to secure and succeed a tenancy moving forward.

Members received an informative [presentation](#) from the Head of Housing & Health, and the Advisory Committee expressed their gratitude to her and her team for all their hard and valuable work.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That the work to place rough sleepers and those displaced by the pandemic into hotel accommodation as part of this Council's COVID-19 response, be noted.

