

## **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.