

From: Mr Tony Hills, Chairman of the Section 106 Short Focused Inquiry (SFI)

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To: **Scrutiny Committee – 11 October 2022**

Subject: Short Focused Inquiry – Section 106 Contributions

Classification: **Unrestricted**

1. Introduction

- a) At its meeting of 7 July 2021, the Scrutiny Committee agreed that the work programme for Short Focused Inquiries (SFIs) should include an inquiry into Section 106 contributions in Kent.
- b) Oral evidence was gathered from a variety of sources, including:
 - KCC's Cabinet Member for Economic Development and relevant KCC officers
 - The Chairman of the Kent Chief Planning Officers Group
 - The Chairman of the Kent Developers Group
- c) In addition, the Committee received written evidence from several people/organisations, including the following:
 - House building companies
 - West Sussex County Council
 - Planning consultants
 - KCC's Members and officers
- d) The recommendations and findings of the inquiry are set out in the report contained in Appendix 1.

2. Next Steps

- a) Once agreed, the report and recommendations will be submitted to the Leader and relevant Cabinet Members along with a request for a formal response to the recommendations within two months.
- b) The next inquiry, as agreed on 15 December 2021 and confirmed on 20 July 2022, is into Highway Improvement Plans. The inquiry is already underway.

3. Recommendation:

That the Scrutiny Committee approve the Short Focused Inquiry Report into Section 106 contributions, and that it be submitted to the Leader and relevant Cabinet Members along with a request for a formal response to the recommendations within two months.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Contact details

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