DECISION NO. IND 65/2017-PD

WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning and Development Portfolio Holder DECISION

NAME OF DECISION MAKER	**Councillor Ann Newton**	**DATE: 8 November 2017**
PORTFOLIO HOLDER	**Planning and Development Portfolio Holder**	

SUBJECT OF REPORT:	**WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL: APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREPARATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
DECISION MADE:	To approve the application submitted by Wadhurst Parish Council and designate formally the parish of Wadhurst as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning.
REASONS FOR DECISION:	Wadhurst Parish Council, as a relevant body for the purposes of designation, has applied for designation of the whole Parish as a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). It is concluded appropriate to approve the application to designate the extent of Wadhurst Parish as a Neighbourhood Area.
OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	N/A
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	The Local Planning Authority (LPA) has a duty to take decisions at key stages in the neighbourhood plan process and provide advice or assistance to a Parish Council that is producing a neighbourhood plan. Officers have attended an initial meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss their ideas at the preliminary stages. The LPA will need to consider how best to resource future advice or assistance as the Wadhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan progresses. The level of advice or assistance will need to be considered against other Council / planning priorities.

Other Implications	**Applies**	**Other Implications**	**Applies**
Legal	Yes	Human Resources	Yes
Human Rights	No	Equalities and Diversity	No

Crime and Disorder	No	Consultation	Yes
Environmental	Yes	Access to Information	Yes
Sustainability	Yes	Exempt from Publication	No
Risk Management	No		

INTERESTS, AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATIONS:	N/A

SIGNED:
Councillor Ann Newton
(Planning and Development Portfolio Holder)

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(if not called in)