

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

**DECISION NO:**

17/00006

**For publication****Non-Key****Subject: Local Account for Kent Adult Social Care (April 2016 to March 2017)**

**Decision:** As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I **APPROVE** the Local Account for Kent Adult Social Care (April 2016 – March 2017).

**Reason(s) for decision:** With the withdrawal of external inspection of the Council's performance in Adult Social Care, there is now more emphasis on councils to manage their own performance, work collaboratively with the sector to improve performance and outcomes and explain how they have performed to local residents. The Local Account has emerged as a standard feature of the new local accountability framework.

**Financial Implications:** The proposed development of the Local Account does not include savings targets, however a key objective when developing the brochure and our user engagement approach has been the consideration of how to enhance value for money from a Council perspective utilising wherever possible existing forums or approaches already in place across the Directorate or working in conjunction with existing partners to minimise costs. There will be a cost implication to the production and distribution of the Local Account; however these will be managed within the budget planning forecasts for the Unit, i.e. ongoing production of the Local Account.

**Legal Implications**

None.

**Equality Implications**

None.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:** The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 29 September 2017. Ms S Smith (Head of Performance and Information Management) and Ms T Easdown (Project Officer, Performance and Information Management) were in attendance for the item.

- (1) Ms Smith introduced the report and referred to the Member briefing which has been held recently. Ms Smith extended her thanks to Ms Easdown who produced the report.
- (2) Ms Smith said that the report looked at key improvements across Adult Social Care and would be widely distributed. The document would be available on the County Council website, together with a short video. It would also be on social media, including Twitter and Facebook, making it easier to access. Adult Social Care had shared the document previously with the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board and various formats would be produced, including an easy-read version.
- (3) In response to a request, Ms Smith said future years' reports would include a comparison of costs against the previous years and undertook to add these to the current document before it was published.

- (4) Members welcomed the clarity of the report and commented on the following:-
- (a) the Member briefing had been most useful and asked that this be an annual event, and
  - (b) it was suggested that the video be linked to YouTube.
- (5) RESOLVED that the final draft of the annual Local Account document be endorsed for sign off by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

**Any alternatives considered:** None

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:** NONE



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signed

10 OCTOBER 2017

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