

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

**DECISION NO:**

18/00050

**For publication****Key decision**

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions and expenditure of more than £1m.

**Subject: SHARED SUPPORTED LIVING ELEMENT OF THE SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE SERVICE**

**Decision:** As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I propose to:

- a) **APPROVE** the extension of the Shared Supported Living Services under the Supporting Independence Services Contract for 11 months, allowing for a phased inclusion in the Care and Support in the Home Service Contract.
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

**Reason(s) for decision:** Supported Living (or Supported Accommodation) describes the arrangement whereby someone who already has, or who wants their own tenancy or own home, within a property where there is the possibility of support being shared by the tenants. The tenant will be supported by a “Care and Support” Provider to help them live as independently and safely as possible. They will receive support and help with any aspects that are required to live an ordinary life as possible, such as managing money, cooking, getting a job etc.

To approve the extension of the Shared Supported Living Services under the Supporting Independence Services Contract for 11 months will allow for a phased inclusion in the Care and Support in the Home Contract. A phased approach will enable the Council to fully analyse and develop solutions to achieve key milestones throughout the life of the new Care and Support in the Home Contract. This will further enable flexible ways of working and ensure a fair and equitable base for Providers to demonstrate deliver of a quality Service.

**Financial Implications:** The current spend in relation to Supported Living services is circa £38m. This Service will be subject to an annual fee awards process, at the commencement of the 19/20 financial year. This pressure will be met from the Council’s Pay and Prices budget allocation, to be agreed through budget setting.

**Legal Implications:** The main legislative framework for the Supported Living Service is the Care Act 2014, and the principles of Mental Capacity Act 2005. These are statutory duties, and the Supported Living Service will be compliant with both pieces of legislation.

**Equality Implications:** The intention is for the Supported Living Service to be included in the Care and Support in the Home Contract after the extension period. An existing EqIA is in place and the Care and Support in the Home EqIA will be updated as the work to include new elements within the Contract is undertaken.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:** The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 27 September 2018 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

**Any alternatives considered:**

Do nothing - allow the current commissioned services to terminate when Contracts come to an end in June 2019. The main risks of this approach are;

- The Authority will fail in its duty under the Care Act 2014 in carrying out a care and support function;
- Older and vulnerable residents with assessed needs will be left unsupported, leading to potential safeguarding concerns;
- Judicial review of the lawfulness of the Authority's decision
- Reputational damage to the Local Authority

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

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