



AGENDA

SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN KENT COMMISSIONING BODY

Wednesday, 1st April, 2015, at 2.00 pm

Ask for: **Ann Hunter**

**Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall,
Maidstone**

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1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of meeting held on 27 January 2015 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Future Consultation Arrangements for Housing Related Support (Pages 7 - 10)

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

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Tuesday, 24 March 2015

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN KENT COMMISSIONING BODY

MINUTES of a meeting of the Supporting People In Kent Commissioning Body held in the Swale 2, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 27 January 2015.

PRESENT: Mr C P Smith (Chairman), Cllr Ms J Anderson (Vice-Chairman), Mr W Adetoro, Cllr Mrs C Clark, Mr P Dosad, Cllr A Ewart-James, Mr A Hammond, Mr K Hetherington, Cllr Mrs A Hicks, Cllr J Howes, Cllr S Howes, Ms S Kaur, Mr J Littlemore, Cllr L Weatherly and Cllr J Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms M Anthony (Commissioning and Development Manager), Miss M Goldsmith (Finance Business Partner), Mr M Lobban (Director of Commissioning) and Mrs A Hunter (Principal Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

64. Apologies
(Item 1)

- (1) Apologies for absence were received from Ms S Binning (Kent Surrey, and Sussex CRC), Cllr S Chandler (Dover DC), Mrs A Christou (Swale BC), Mrs S Smith (Sevenoaks), Mrs A Stacey and Mrs T Wenham (Thanet DC). Mrs L Walters represented the Kent, Surrey and Sussex CRC and Mr M Lewis represented Thanet DC.
- (2) The Chairman paid tribute to Cllr Mrs Belcourt who had represented Shepway District Council on the Commissioning Body for many years and welcomed Cllr Alan Ewart-James to the meeting.

65. Declarations of Interest
(Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

66. Election of Vice-Chairman
(Item 3)

Proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs Clark and agreed that Cllr Mrs Anderson be elected as vice-chairman.

67. Minutes of meeting held on 7 October 2014
(Item 4)

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014 be approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

68. Provision of Support to Socially Excluded Groups and Future Governance Arrangements

(Item 5)

- (1) Melanie Anthony (Commissioning and Development Manager) introduced the report that outlined the county council's views on the on-going commitment to assist groups of vulnerable people such as victims of domestic abuse, rough sleepers and offenders. It also asked the Commissioning Body to discuss alternative arrangements that would support the ambition that services for this socially excluded cohort be better integrated and more clearly aligned with the preventative agenda.
- (2) Melanie Anthony referred, in particular, to the Kent County Council's ongoing commitment to socially excluded groups and the views of the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 4 December. The Core Strategy Group had discussed a range of options for future oversight and work was underway to develop a workable set of options from which a decision about governance could be made.
- (3) During the discussion about future governance arrangements concerns were raised about:
 - The capacity of local health and wellbeing boards to consider housing related issues in sufficient detail;
 - The risk that services to socially excluded groups might vary across the county;
 - The continuing role of the elected member in the commissioning of services and the monitoring of delivery and expenditure;
 - The opportunity for members to understand what was happening in their areas; and
 - The involvement of providers.
- (4) In response to questions it was confirmed that the intention was to work smarter and to make best use of existing groups.
- (5) Mr Smith read an email from Cllr Chandler which expressed her view that the local health and wellbeing boards would be the most appropriate forum for the oversight and governance of support in the future as well as acknowledging the role of the Joint Policy and Planning Board for Housing (JPPB).
- (6) Agreed that:
 - (a) The decision of the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee to continue to support preventative services for socially excluded groups be noted;
 - (b) Alternative governance arrangements that would support the ambition that services across the socially excluded cohort be better integrated with the preventative agenda be reported to the next meeting of the Commissioning Body with a recommendation on the way forward.

69. Performance Management

(Item 6)

(1) Melanie Anthony (Commissioning and Development Manager) introduced the report which highlighted aspects of performance management within Supported People Services. She drew the Commissioning Body's attention to the performance against KPI1 (Achieving or maintaining independence) which had exceeded the target and KPI2 (Percentage of planned move-ons from short term services) which had fallen short of target by 0.3% in Quarter 2.

(2) Agreed that the report be noted.

70. 2014-15 Budget Forecast and Reserves

(Item 7)

(1) Michelle Goldsmith (Finance Business Partner – Social Care, Health and Wellbeing) introduced the report which provided the forecast for the 2014 – 2015 financial year and an update on the reserves position.

(2) In response to a question about reserves, Mark Lobban (Director of Commissioning) said that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health had asked for a paper on proposals to use the money for the purpose intended.

(3) Agreed that:

(a) The 2014/15 budget of £22,546K, which has a current underspend of £707K forecast, be noted;

(b) The reserves balance of £1,943.5K, with £240K committed be noted.

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By: Mark Lobban, Director of Strategic Commissioning, Social Care Health and Wellbeing

To: Supporting People Commissioning Body – April 2015

Subject: **FUTURE CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS IN THE COMMISSIONING OF HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: The commissioning of housing related support has been transferred to Social Care Health and Wellbeing. This paper summarises the council's recommendations on how it intends to include key strategic partners in future joint consultation arrangements.

Introduction

1. (1) The Commissioning Body has previously received two reports on the findings of the recent review of structures and arrangements for the commissioning of housing related support services in light of its transfer into the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Directorate within the county council.
- (2) The review found that the commissioning of these services should be considered within the wider context of social care transformation under the governance of the county council's Adults Transformation Portfolio and 0-25 Transformation Portfolio respectively. Further consideration would be necessary to establish the consultation arrangements for the commissioning of services for those outside of traditional social care groups:-
 - Vulnerable homeless people, including homeless families and rough sleepers
 - People at risk of domestic abuse
 - Gypsy travellers
- (3) The Core Strategy Group have discussed and considered alternative consultation arrangements in their meetings of September, December and February. This report summarises the conclusions of this group.

Current Context

2. (1) The delivery of housing related support services requires continued effective partnerships with Districts and Boroughs and other key strategic partners.
- (2) In order to deliver to the commissioning strategy and to enable a broad collaborative approach, any revision to the consultation arrangements should include partners who are not currently represented yet have a strategic interest in future commissioning e.g. Kent Police, Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue service, CCGs.

(3) There are a range of existing well-placed expert groups with appropriate representative membership that could be considered to give expertise and oversight for the socially excluded cohorts.

Alternatives and Options

3 (1) In its February meeting, the Core Strategy Group concluded that alternative consultation arrangements within these groups and boards could be established for all within the socially excluded cohort.

(2) A summary of the Group's agreed proposed arrangements is provided in Appendix 1.

(3) The proposal will secure elected member oversight and influence, as well as strategic and operational overview at officer level. Use of these existing structures, with their broad membership would lend themselves well to future, collaborative joint commissioning of more holistic, joined up services.

Financial Implications

4 (1) The county council intends to use any residual reserve for its original purpose.

Recommendations

5. The Commissioning Body are asked to agree to:-

- a) Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health that the Commissioning Body is dissolved.
- b) Implement with immediate effect the revised consultation arrangements as set out in Appendix 1.

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Background Information:

Appendix 1 Summary of Alternative Consultation Arrangements

Appendix 1 Summary of Alternative Consultation Arrangements for Housing Related Support

Homelessness (inc Rough Sleepers)	Consultation Group	Reporting
Elected Member Involvement	Kent Leaders	Annual update of all homelessness activity to Kent Leaders once annually.
Strategic Steer and Overview	Kent Housing Group Executive Board Joint Policy and Planning Board (Housing)	Regular updates, projects as required
Operational advice and assistance	Joint Policy and Planning Board (Housing) KHG subgroup (KHOG)	Projects as required
Offenders	Consultation Group	Reporting
Elected Member Involvement	Kent Community Safety Partnership Local CSPs where strategic priority	Regular updates, project as required
Strategic Steer and Overview	Kent & Medway Reducing Reoffending Board	Regular updates, project as required
Operational advice and assistance	JPPB (via Offenders sub-group)	Projects as required
Domestic Abuse	Consultation Group	Reporting
Elected Member Involvement	Kent Community Safety Partnership Local CSPs where strategic priority	Regular updates, project as required
Strategic Steer and Overview	Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (Exec Board) Kent Housing Group Executive Board Joint Policy and Planning Board (Housing)	Regular updates, project as required
Operational advice and assistance	Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (Operational Group) JPPB (via Offenders sub-group) in relation to perpetrators	Projects as required
Gypsy Travellers	Consultation Group	Reporting
Elected Member Involvement	Kent Community Safety Partnership Local CSPs where strategic priority	CSPs as required
Strategic Steer and Overview	KCC Gypsy Traveller Unit	As required
Operational advice and assistance	KCC Gypsy Traveller Unit	As required

County Kent HWB – Consensus that an annual report (akin to the Kent leaders' above) drawing together the links between health, housing and social care would be beneficial

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