

FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS

Each month the Council publishes a Forward Plan of Decisions expected to be taken during the following six months.

A “Key Decision” is an Executive-side Decision which is likely to:

- (a) result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

Key Decisions can only be taken by the Cabinet, the Leader or an individual Cabinet Member.

Decisions which should be regarded as Key Decisions because they are likely to have a significant effect either in financial terms or on the Council’s services to the community include:

- (a) Decisions about expenditure or savings over £1,000,000 which are not provided for within the approved budget or Medium Term Financial Plan
- (b) Adoption of major new policies not already included in the Policy Framework (Constitution Appendix 3) or changes to established policies
- (c) Approval of management and business plans
- (d) Decisions that involve significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether County-wide or in a particular locality. For example, closure of a school, approval of a major project (such as a highway scheme) or programme of works, major changes in the eligibility criteria for provision of a service, major changes in the fees charged for a service, or proposals that would result in a service currently provided in-house being outsourced.
- (e) Decisions where the consequences are likely to result in compulsory redundancies or major changes in the terms and conditions of employment of a significant number of employees in any of the Council’s functions.

Preparation of the Forward Plan helps the Council to programme its work and ensures compliance with the Local Government Act 2000. Every month, the period covered by the Plan will be rolled forward by one month and the plan will be republished.

The Plan outlines the consultation that is proposed in respect of future decisions and who members of the public and the Council should contact to make comments on any particular item. Anyone is entitled to obtain copies of the documents that will be relied upon when a decision is taken, unless those documents are ‘Exempt’ within the meaning of the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Reports related to decisions will be published on the Council's web site at www.kent.gov.uk at least five days before the decision it is due to be taken. Once the decision has been taken, a copy of the Record of Decision will also be published on the Council's website.

The Kent County Council Cabinet Members are:	
Mr Paul Carter	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health Reform
Mr Peter Oakford	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Traded Services
Miss Susan Carey	Cabinet Member for Customers, Communications and Performance
Mr Mark Dance	Cabinet Member for Economic Development
Mr Graham Gibbens	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Mr Roger Gough	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education
Mr Mike Hill	Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services
Mr Eric Hotson	Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services
Mrs Catherine Rankin	Cabinet Member for Strategic Commissioning
Mr Mike Whiting	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport, Highways and Waste

All Members can be contacted by writing to Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or by email via the Council's website.

NEW

NOT BEFORE 27 MARCH 2019 BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

Reference No: Coroners are independent judicial officers, appointed by the local authority within the coroner area. Local authorities have a legal obligation to support the work of Coroner's, to fund all the costs of the service and to provide the necessary resources to enable them to carry out their statutory obligations under the Coroners and Justice Act 2009. This includes the provision of appropriate contractual arrangements for the removal and transfer of the deceased.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00018 - Coroners Removal and Transfer Contracts

The Decision needed:

Proposed decision:

To award contracts to Funeral Service Providers for the removal and transfer of deceased persons to hospital mortuaries pending further investigation by the Coroner, or for a post mortem to take place to establish the cause of death.

Background Information:

The removal of bodies is a business-critical function, a statutory responsibility and, importantly should it fail it has a high risk of reputational damage to KCC, Medway Council and the Kent and Medway Senior Coroners.

The Coroner may decide that a suitable practitioner is required (normally a Pathologist) to examine the body and carry out a post mortem examination to help find the cause of death. In such cases the body needs to be transported from where it is lying to a designated mortuary pending further enquiries being made, or to hold a post mortem examination. This movement of the body constitutes a 'Coroner's removal'.

In some cases, it is necessary to transfer the deceased from a designated mortuary to another designated mortuary either within Kent and Medway or outside Kent to more specialised mortuaries for example to London

(child deaths) or Brighton (infectious cases). These are more commonly known as a 'Coroner's Transfer'.

The providers are required to perform the following services:

- **24 hours a day, 365 days of the year;**
- **For a coroner's removal to be at the place of death within 1 hour of being directed to attend by Kent County Constabulary;**
- **For a transfer, to have completed it within 48 hours of being directed to do so by a Coroner's Officer;**
- **Bodies that require removal include deaths in the community and in hospitals without a designated post mortem facility and including open spaces, difficult locations, houses, care homes, public highway, railway or water.**

Historically Coroner's removals have been completed by firms of funeral directors who have the necessary vehicles, staff and professional expertise to provide the service. Nationally, in a very few instances the service is provided in-house by local authorities which have their own public mortuary but that is not the case in Kent and Medway.

The current contracts expire on the 22nd May 2019 and following a competitive tendering process we are able to award new contracts from the 23rd May 2019. These will be for 3 years and include the option to extend by two 12-month terms up to a maximum of 5 years in total.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

Date:

Not before March 2019

Reason if Key Decision

An EqlA has been completed for this critical service and all opportunities to promote equality are currently being taken in line with KCC policies and statutory requirement. Should any issues arise they will be dealt with in accordance with KCC policies and statutory requirements.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

Consultation has been undertaken with the Senior Coroners and the KCC Head of the Coroner Service.

Cabinet Committee consultation has been planned and the proposed decision will be considered at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee meeting on 19 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

Historically providers have either fully or partially subsidised the service. This was because they absorbed the costs as a loss leader on the basis that the family of the deceased appointed them to carry out the funeral arrangements. Through our engagement with the market and our current service providers it became clear that this subsidy was not sustainable and that providers would in future be seeking full cost recovery.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Reference No: None

Key No

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00019 - Regional Growth Fund Administrative Changes and Transfer of funds

The Decision needed:

That the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, agrees for Kent County Council to delegate to the Director for Economic Development the authority to transfer to East Sussex County Council recovered loan repayments obtained from East Sussex companies who received funds via the former Regional Growth Funded (RGF) Escalate programme.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Date:

Not before March 2019

Reason if Key Decision

None

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
<p>Consultees</p> <p>This will be considered at the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee on 7 March 2019.</p>
Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.
<p>Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address: KCC does not currently have the legal authority or administrative procedures in place to spend the recovered loan repayments obtained from East Sussex companies who received loan funds via the former RGF Escalate programme. Without transferring these funds to East Sussex County Council, they will remain ring-fenced within KCC finances.</p> <p>Support documents</p>

<p>Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste</p> <p>Reference No: There are no additional legal implications from the proposed amendments.</p> <p>Key No</p>
Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.
<p>Title: 19/00020 - Joint Transportation Board - Revised Agreement</p> <p>The Decision needed: To adopt the revised JTB Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background <p>Joint Transportation Boards between KCC and the District/Borough Councils were established in 2005 to facilitate discussion and co-operation on local highway and transportation issues. Underpinning the JTBs is a legal agreement signed by KCC and each District/Borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options

The current Agreement terms allow for the Agreement to be reviewed every four years or at the instigation of the Kent County Council Corporate Director responsible for Highways and Transportation and amended by agreement between the parties if necessary as a consequence of any review.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

Date:

Not before March 2019

Reason if Key Decision

There are no additional equality or data protection implications from the proposed amendments.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The proposed decision will be considered at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 19 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

There are no additional financial implications from the proposed amendments.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

Reference No:

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00021 - Young Persons Travel Pass Changes

The Decision needed:
Proposed Decision is to:

- To reduce the subsidy to the standard pass
- To introduce changes to the application/purchase process for the pass.

The Young Persons Travel Pass (YPTP) is a discretionary scheme, providing subsidised bus travel for Kent students in years 7 to 11. The scheme, which is accessed by 24,000 students, has been reviewed in light of funding and demand pressures.

It is proposed that from the 2019/20 academic year there will be a reduction in subsidy of £60 for those who purchase a standard pass. This reduction in subsidy will reduce the net cost of the KCC Travel Saver scheme to KCC by £800K. There will be no changes to the current offer in respect of:

- Students from low income families, (defined as those receiving free school meals) where the cost of the pass will remain at £100.
- The provision of free passes to those in care, care leavers and Catch 22.
- The current offer that those families purchasing more than two standard cost passes, will only pay for the first two.

Current yearly or half yearly payment options are proposed to be replaced with an annual or instalments option. For families opting for instalments, an annual pass will be issued with payments spread over 8 months if applying in June/July, and pro-rata for those who apply later. An administration charge will apply for instalment payments, with the exception for families on low incomes.

The scheme directly links to the strategic outcome of Children and Young People in Kent get the best start in life. In continuing to provide subsidised travel, parents, who would not qualify for free home to school transport will have the opportunity to select schools which meet the needs of their children, rather than just on locality.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

Date:

Not before March 2019

Reason if Key Decision

An Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The proposed decision will be considered at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 19 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

It is proposed that from the 2019/20 academic year there will be a reduction in subsidy of £60 for those who purchase a standard pass. This reduction in subsidy will reduce the net cost of the scheme to KCC by £800K.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

Reference No: In order to protect KCC's long term property interest KCC needs to enter into the long lease.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/0022 - Ground Lease at Meopham Academy, Wrotham Road, Meopham for the new Meopham Library

The Decision needed:

The Cabinet Member will be asked to:

- a) agree that Kent County Council take a lease in excess of 20 years of part of land at Meopham School from Swale Academy Trust; and
- b) authorise the Director of Infrastructure to finalise lease terms and complete the transaction.

Background information:

A new library was built in Meopham in the summer 2017 by the Education Funding Agency in order that a new school could be built on the former

library site. It was open to the public in December 2017. The proposed decision formalises and completes the outstanding lease matter.

Proposed decision:

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

Date:

Not before March 2019

Reason if Key Decision

The new Library provides better disabled access and facilities compared to the former Library.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 8 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

A rent of £1 (one pound) per annum, if demanded. Each party to bear its own costs upon completion of the new lease.

Support documents

NOT BEFORE 13 MARCH 2019 BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

Reference No:

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's

Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00013 - Kent County Council adoption of High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019-24

The Decision needed:

Formal adoption of the reviewed and revised High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019-24.

Background

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires local authorities within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to act jointly to prepare and publish an up-to-date plan which 'formulates their policy for the management of the area and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it'. The High Weald AONB Unit leads the development of this plan on the behalf of local authorities, overseen by the Joint Advisory Committee.

The High Weald AONB Management Plan was originally published in 2004 as a 20 year strategy and this is reviewed every five years. Reviews, with minor revisions, have taken place in 2009 and 2014. In 2017, the third review was instructed. The review has needed to take account of the potential impact of Brexit on agri-environmental policy and the significant increase in development pressure on the AONB since the last review. The plan has also required amendments to bring it in line with the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan (published 2018).

Following stakeholder engagement and a formal consultation process, this plan is now with the relevant local authorities for adoption. KCC submitted comments to the formal consultation process in July 2018 and we are satisfied that these have been adequately addressed. The Management Plan supports the Council's Strategic Outcome of "Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life" by helping to support: rural business and economic growth; a good quality of life; well planned housing growth; and a physical and natural environment that is protected, enhanced and can be enjoyed.

The review is backed by a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment.

It is therefore considered that the High Weald AONB Management Plan 2019-24 as amended can be adopted by KCC. It is not anticipated that the revised Management Plan will place any additional obligations on the County Council in terms of resources, although relevant units within the County Council will need to consider the revised Management Plan in relation to their operations (as they are already bound to do). For reference, KCC provides an annual contribution of £9.5k to the High Weald AONB Unit.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste</p> <p>Date: Not before March 2019</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan As the authors of the plan, the High Weald AONB Unit have also overseen the consultation. This included a series of technical workshops based around the key components of the plan in summer 2017; followed by early public engagement through an on-line questionnaire, with nearly 400 people taking part.</p> <p>Public Consultation on the Management Plan and its supporting documents was carried out between 13th June and 25th July 2018; this included consultation with all the local authorities. 143 responses were received, 115 from individuals and 28 from organisations; 82% of the respondents ‘strongly agreed’ with the AONB Vision.</p> <p>Areas of Kent which fall into the HWAONB include Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Ashford and Tonbridge & Malling. Matthew Balfour represents KCC on the HWAONB Joint Advisory Committee.</p>
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
<p>Consultees</p> <p>The proposed decision will be considered at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 19 March 2019.</p>
Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.
<p>Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address: KCC provides an annual contribution of £9.5k to the High Weald AONB Unit.</p> <p>Support documents</p>

NOT BEFORE 6 MARCH 2019 BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People

and Education
Reference No:
Key Yes
Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.
<p>Title: 19/00014 - Proposed Revision of Rates Payable and Charges Levied by Kent County Council for Children's Social Care Services in 2019-20</p> <p>The Decision needed: This decision revises the rates payable and charges levied by this Council for Children's Social Care Services from 1 April 2019.</p> <p>The recommendation report will distinguish between those rates and charges over which Members can exercise their discretion, and those which are laid down by Parliament.</p>
Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education</p> <p>Date: Not before March 2019</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision None</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
<p>Consultees</p> <p>The proposed decision will be considered at the Children's, Young People & Education Cabinet Committee on 28 March 2019.</p>
Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.
<p>Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:</p> <p>Support documents</p>

Responsible Cabinet Member - Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee

Reference No: Any legal implications will be identified in the report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education before he takes his decision to agree the capital expenditure required to provide the school with additional accommodation.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00015 - Proposal to amalgamate St James' Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School and St James' Church of England Junior School

The Decision needed:

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education is proposing to agree to:

- amalgamate St James' Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School and St James' Church of England Junior School, Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3PR by 1 September 2019;
- authorise the Director of Infrastructure in consultation with General Counsel to enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council; and
- authorise the Director of Infrastructure to be the nominated Authority Representative within the relevant agreements and to enter into variations as envisaged under the contracts.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee

Date:

Not before March 2019

Reason if Key Decision

An Equality Impact Assessment will be produced and will be accessible on line via the following link: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The proposed decision will be considered at the Children’s, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee on 28 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

There are no capital financial implications as this proposal

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

Reference No: There are no significant legal constraints. Standard procurement risks would apply.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00016 - HT&W Soft Landscape service – Re-procurement of the Arboriculture Programmed Works Contract

The Decision needed:

Proposed decision to re-procure and delegate to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste to award contract/s for the Highway Arboriculture Programmed Works Service (All Districts within Kent).
Contract start date: September 1st, 2019.

Background - The current contract expires 31st August 2019. Accordingly, in order to ensure a seamless service remains in place a new procurement is required. Ongoing procurement enables market testing and ensures that the rates KCC pay for the work are competitive and reflective of the current market.

The proposed decision meets the objectives of ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council’s Strategic Statement (2015-2020)’ because the arboriculture works service is a safety critical service that keeps Kent’s roads moving and assists economic growth.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste</p> <p>Date: Not before March 2019</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision Equality implications were considered during the analyse phase of the commissioning cycle. No significant impacts were identified through re-procurement of the services.</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
<p>Consultees</p> <p>The proposed decision will be considered at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 19 March 2019.</p>
Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.
<p>Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address: The annual spend is estimated at £686k per annum and will continue to be funded from the soft landscape budget . The new contract will continue to provide tree safety inspections and the reactive works necessary to limit the Councils liability regarding claims. The proposed contract length will be three years with an option to extend the contract for up to a further two years, on a one plus one basis. The total contract value for the full term, including extensions (five years) is estimated at £3,430,000.</p> <p>Support documents</p>

NOT BEFORE 19 FEBRUARY 2019 BY CABINET MEMBER

<p>Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health</p> <p>Reference No: The legal framework underpinning arrangements between KCC and KMPT for the delivery of mental health and social care services in Kent will change. The existing S75 Agreement between KCC and KMPT and</p>
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all subsequent addendum letters relating to the S75 Agreement will be terminated. KCC and KMPT will therefore no longer operate under the legal framework of a S75 Agreement. A new alliance agreement will be entered into by KCC and KMPT to provide a legally binding framework for the new partnership arrangements.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00011 - Partnership Arrangements for the Provision of Mental Health and Social Care in Kent

The Decision needed:

Proposed decision: Approval for new a legal framework to support the partnership arrangements between Kent County Council (KCC) and Kent and Medway NHS Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) for the provision of mental health and social care services in Kent; specifically, approval for KCC to terminate the existing KCC and KMPT S75 Agreement (based on mutually agreed termination between KCC and KMPT) and approval for KCC to enter into an Alliance Agreement with KMPT.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Date:

Not before February 2019

Reason if Key Decision

None.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

This matter was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 28 September 2018. The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 12 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

None.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

Reference No:

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00012 - Adoption of a three-year Libraries, Registration and Archives Strategy

The Decision needed:

Adoption of a three-year Libraries, Registration and Archives Strategy.

Background

A new draft three-year strategy has been developed for the Libraries, Registration and Archive (LRA) service.

The Libraries, Registration and Archives Service (LRA) is a statutory and highly valued public service delivered through a network of 99 libraries, 5 Register Offices; 5 mobile libraries; an archive centre; the stock distribution and support function building at Quarrywood; the information service - 'Ask a Kent Librarian' - as well as the 24-hour accessible online services.

Kent County Council along with all local authorities is facing a period of unprecedented financial pressure which demands continued and sustained innovation, change and focus on positive outcomes from all services.

Alongside these financial pressures, LRA has evolved its services and now needs to continue to respond to significant changes in demography, spatial geography, how people want to access services and their expectations of those services, technology and varying levels of IT literacy.

The draft strategy proposes how LRA will create an evolving and sustainable LRA service for the future including proposals for a new Library tiering model and revised opening hours

The full financial, legal and equalities implications will be detailed in the decision paper.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services</p> <p>Date: Not before March 2019</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan The draft strategy and proposals for public consultation were discussed and noted by Members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee on 15 November 2018.</p> <p>The consultation ran from 21 November 2018 to 29 January 2019.</p> <p>Copies of the draft strategy, the consultation document providing details on the tiering proposals, questionnaire, an easy-read version and a copy of the Equality Impact Assessments were available in all of our buildings as well as Gateways and online. During the consultation period the Service held twenty drop-in events at libraries across the county at different times and days for people to come and find out more and talk to staff about the proposals.</p> <p>The proposal is due to be discussed by Members of the Growth Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee on 7 March 2019.</p>
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
<p>Consultees</p>
Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.
<p>Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:</p> <p>Support documents</p>

NOT BEFORE 8 FEBRUARY 2019 BY CABINET MEMBER

<p>Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Customers, Communications and Performance</p> <p>Reference No: Any detailed legal implications were outlined in the exempt report that was presented to the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 18 January 2019</p> <p>Key Yes</p>
<p>Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.</p>
<p>Title: 19/00010 - Agilisys Contract</p> <p>The Decision needed: Proposed Decision:</p> <p>To extend the contract with Agilisys until 8th December 2025 on revised terms.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>The contract with Agilisys started on the 9th December 2015 and ends on the 8th December 2021 with an annual value of £3,431k. It is for the provision of a contact point including a call centre, digital offering, and associated back office processing. The Council will exercise an option to extend the contract until 8th December 2025 which will enable a package of improvements to the quality and resilience of the service to be implemented as well as a cost reduction.</p>
<p>Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when</p>
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Customers, Communications and Performance</p> <p>Date: Not before February 2019</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision None</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
<p>Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors</p>
<p>Consultees</p> <p>The paper was discussed and endorsed at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee meeting on 18th January 2019.</p>
<p>Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.</p>

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

A package of improvements to the quality and resilience of the service will be implemented as well as a cost reduction to KCC.

Support documents

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Report

NOT BEFORE 5 FEBRUARY 2019 BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Reference No: Any legal implications were identified in the report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education on 11 January 2019.

Key No

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

18/00070 - Proposal to expand Speldhurst Church of England Primary School

The Decision needed:

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Date:

Not before February 2019

Reason if Key Decision

An Equality Impact Assessment will be produced and will be accessible on line via the following link: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – Who is to be consulted, how and when, including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

15 January 2018 - the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2018-22 was endorsed by the Cabinet Committee.

Other consultation planned or undertaken:

In accordance with the Department for Education's Statutory Guidance (October 2018): Making 'prescribed alterations' to maintained schools, there is a need to undertake a formal statutory consultation process as the proposed changes exceed 25% of the school's total capacity.

An Education consultation will be completed prior to the Cabinet Committee. Further information is available on the School Consultation webpage:

www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

The results of the consultation were outlined to the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee at the meeting on 11 January 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

There are no capital financial implications as this scheme is not being funded by KCC from the Basic Need budget.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet

Reference No:

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00002 - Award of Grant - Kent County Council Network Requirements

The Decision needed:

Following receipt of a business case, the Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to grant KCC capped funding of up to £29m for road and infrastructure requirements to prepare for leaving the EU on 29 March 2019. Funding will be paid as capital grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 to KCC as the accountable body.

In order to ensure improvements are made before 29 March, construction

work needs to start urgently.

Therefore the proposed decision is to delegate to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Leader of KCC and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, and Transport, authority to spend grant funding from the Secretary of State for road network requirements to prepare for leaving the EU on 29 March 2019.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet

Date:

Not before February 2019

Reason if Key Decision

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The proposal will be discussed by Cabinet at their meeting on 28 January 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Reference No: The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No. 3181) require schools to hold at least 380 half-day sessions (190 days) in each school year, beginning with the first term to start after July. This is consistent with the 195 days a year required by a teacher's statutory conditions of service: the additional five days are for in-service training. As KCC has responsible for community and voluntary controlled schools it is part of our duty to set the dates.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00006 - School Term Dates 2020-2021 and 2021-22

The Decision needed:

The proposed decision is to determine the School Year dates for community and voluntary controlled schools, by the local authority (LA).

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Date:

Not before March 2019

Reason if Key Decision

A full EqlA has been completed and approved by the Equalities Team and CYPE DMT, this will be updated once the consultation has finished and the full results will be presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The proposed decision will be considered at the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee on 28 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

There are no direct cost implications arising from the decision on the school calendar. However, if individual foundation, voluntary aided schools, academies or free schools determine a different pattern of term dates, they may incur additional costs in relation to home to school transport, as the authority passes any additional costs on to the schools concerned.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Reference No: There are no legal implications expected as a result of the proposed changes to district governance structures for 0-19 (and up to 25) non-statutory children's services.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

19/00007 - The proposed district-based governance structure for 0-19 (and up to 25) years non-statutory children's services

The Decision needed:

Proposed Decision:

To change the 0-19 (and up to 25) non-statutory children's services district governance arrangements by establishing a KCC Member Chaired Local Children's Partnership Group, building on the strengths of the existing groups and for the existing YAGs and DABs to retain their age-specific specialisms and engagement with young people and parents through bi-annual conversations, which will feed into the LCPGs.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Date:

Not before February 2019

Reason if Key Decision

It is not expected that the proposed changes to district governance structures for 0-19 (and up to 25) non-statutory children's services will have a negative impact on direct service delivery. However, the Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed, as an appendix to the Proposals Report, to be presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee in January 2019.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

These proposals have been through consultation with CYPE Cabinet Committee in May and September of 2018. The feedback from these discussions led to further liaison with Members of CYPE Cabinet

Committee and the Chairs of the existing governance groups. The Lead Officer has also contact relevant partner agencies, to incorporate their feedback into the final proposals. Draft proposals were also presented to Cabinet Members (CMM) on 3rd December 2018 and the revised proposals are scheduled to be presented to CMM on 7th January 2019.

Local Councillors who are Chairs or attendees of the current YAGs, DABs and LCPGs were consulted in early 2018 and again during October and December 2018. The feedback from these meetings has been fully considered in the shaping of the proposals to be presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee in January 2019. Members representing the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties at CYPE Cabinet Committee were also consulted with, as part of this process.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

There are no financial implications expected as a result of the proposed changes to district governance structures for 0-19 (and up to 25) non-statutory children's services.

The current arrangements are supported by members of staff within EHPS and, whilst this will continue to be the case within the new proposed arrangements, it is hoped that these will be far more effective and reduce some of the duplicated administration, thus resulting in a reduction of staff time. It is also anticipated that the proposed changes will result in a reduction of duplicated attendance from partner agencies, who currently sit across all three of the existing groups.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

Reference No: There are no legal implications

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:
19/00008 - Renewal of Oracle Support and Maintenance (into a single contract)

The Decision needed:

To renew the contract with Oracle for support and maintenance on Oracle eBusiness Suite and Oracle Business Intelligence.
Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services</p> <p>Date: Not before March 2019</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision There are no equality implications</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
<p>Consultees</p> <p>The proposed decision will be considered at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 8 March 2019.</p>
Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.
<p>Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address: The current annual cost is circ £1.2m</p> <p>Support documents</p>

NOT BEFORE 2 JANUARY 2019 BY CABINET MEMBER

<p>Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health</p> <p>Reference No: The recommendation report will distinguish between those rates and charges over which Members can exercise their discretion, and those which are laid down by Parliament.</p> <p>Key Yes</p>
Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.
Title:

18/00067 - Rates Payable and Charges Levied for Adult Social Care Services 2019/2020

The Decision needed:

This proposed decision revises the rates payable and charges levied. It will enable the Council to raise funding, as required by Parliament, to help meet the cost of providing social care services to the people of Kent.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Date:

Not before January 2019

Reason if Key Decision

None.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 12 March 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

This decision revises the rates payable and charges levied. It will enable the Council to raise funding, as required by Parliament, to help meet the cost of providing social care services to the people of Kent.

Support documents

NOT BEFORE 17 NOVEMBER 2018 BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet

Reference No: The Kent Commissioning Plan for Education enables KCC to meet its Statutory responsibility to ensure that every child receives appropriate

educational provision
Key Yes
Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.
<p>Title: 18/00058 - Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2019-23</p> <p>The Decision needed: The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (KCP) is a five year rolling plan which is updated annually. It sets out how Kent discharges its statutory responsibility, as the Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision, to provide sufficient Early Years, SEND, Primary and Secondary places and to ensure that there are appropriate learning pathways for pupils at Post 16. It is also our responsibility to ensure that we have enough places in the right locations, to meet the demands of increased pupil numbers and parental preferences. It reflects the fact that the Local Authority’s role has changed to being the commissioner, as well as continuing to be a provider, of education provision.</p> <p>Data from the Office for National Statics (ONS) and the Health Authority suggest that births across the County, which have fluctuated in recent years, rose slightly in 2016-17. The numbers of families with primary and secondary aged pupils migrating into the County continue to be greater than the numbers moving out, with a net increase in the year ending June 2017 of 1,575 pupils at primary age and 862 at secondary. The housing identified in District/Borough core plans or their variants suggest there is provision for up to 55,000 new homes across the period 2017-18 to 2022-23. These factors require increases in the provision of school places (particularly at the secondary school phase) in the coming years.</p>
Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet</p> <p>Date: Not before January 2019</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision A full EqIA has been completed</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
Consultees

Individual consultations will be taken out on each proposal outlined in the Commissioning Plan if required.

Consultation will take place at the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee on 29 November 2019.

The decision will be considered and endorsed at Cabinet in January 2019.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

The Local Authority as Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision has a key role in securing funding to provide sufficient education provision in the County, particularly in schools, in order to meet its statutory responsibilities. The cost of providing additional school places is met from Government Basic Need Grant, supported borrowing by KCC and developer contribution monies. The forecast capital outlay needed to fulfil the need identified in the Commission Plan 2019-23 will be provided in the report to CYPE Cabinet Committee on 29 November 2019 for comment, prior to full sign off by Cabinet in January 2019.

Support documents

NOT BEFORE 29 AUGUST 2018 BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Reference No: Any legal implications will be identified in the report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education before he takes his decision.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

18/00047 - Proposal to establish a 16 place Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) from September 2019 at St John's CE Primary School, Canterbury

The Decision needed:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, subject to no

objections being received to the public notice, I propose to:

- (i) Issue a public notice to establish a 16 place Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) from September 2019.
- (ii) Establish a 16 place Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Date:

Not before August 2018

Reason if Key Decision

An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed as part of the consultation.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

A consultation is planned to take place from 10 September to 8 October 2018.
A drop-in information session for parents will be scheduled during the consultation period.

A report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member in October 2018 and the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee will be updated at their meeting on 29 November 2018.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

The cost of the establishment of the SRP will be met through historic developer contributions identified for primary age provision in Canterbury City.

Support documents

NOT BEFORE 23 APRIL 2018 BY CABINET MEMBER

<p>Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services</p> <p>Reference No: Risk Assessment / Survey Program The rolling programme of risk assessments / survey programme, forms an integral part of the statutory compliance package and are commissioned with the budgets within Infrastructure.</p> <p>Legal Implications: This Policy meets all legislative requirements and forms part of the Authority's planned preventative maintenance and statutory maintenance regimes.</p> <p>Equality Implications: Completed</p> <p>Key Yes</p>
<p>Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.</p>
<p>Title: 18/00017 Policy and Practice for the Management of Hot and Cold Water Systems</p> <p>The Decision needed: To approve the adoption of the Policy and Code of Practice for the Management of Hot and Cold-Water Systems</p>
<p>Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when</p>
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services</p> <p>Date: Not before June 2018</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
<p>Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors</p>
<p>Consultees</p> <p>This item was considered and endorsed at the meeting of the Policy & Resources Cabinet Committee on 16 March 2018</p>
<p>Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.</p>

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

The rolling programme of risk assessments / survey programme, forms an integral part of the statutory compliance package which is delivered by the Total Facilities Management (TFM) contract and managed on a day to day basis by GEN2 as our managing agent. Therefore, water hygiene costs are not split out for the Corporate landlord buildings as they included within the overall planned preventative maintenance and statutory maintenance costs.

Where KCC have responsibilities for the school risk assessments / survey programme, a fixed cost is attributed to the service provided by the TFM contractors.

Remedial works and maintenance of Corporate landlord and school water systems can be difficult to correctly estimate as it is dependent on the size and complexity of the system, together with management, reliability and potential damage issues.

For KCC schools, water systems that require remedial works are the responsibility of the school when they fall within their financial limits sho

Support documents

NOT BEFORE FEBRUARY BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

Reference No: Kent County Council (KCC) does not have a legal duty to provide sites in Kent for the Gypsy and Traveller community. This is a statutory duty placed upon the district and borough councils to discharge as part of their local plans. All local councils are required to produce an up-to-date Local Plan for their area, to guide the spatial development of the borough.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

17/00135 - Pitch Allocation Policy for Gypsy and Traveller Service Change

The Decision needed:

To revise and update Kent County Council’s (KCC) Gypsy and Traveller Service Allocations Policy and to the introduction of a service charge which will be subject to an annual increase in line with the Retail Price

Index (RPI) for all plots on KCC managed sites, which will be used to maintain and support reasonable living standards for site residents.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

Date:

Not before July 2018

Reason if Key Decision

EQIA's have been completed to ensure these implications have been factored in and mitigated against where appropriate.

Ensure that the council's policies on Equality and Human Rights and customer care are met and promote the health and safety in quiet enjoyment of pitches by all its site residents and ensure that the operation of the allocation policy assists in meeting that outcome.

Acknowledge that the gypsy and traveller communities belong to recognised ethnic groups and are protected groups under the Equality Act 2010.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

Yes this has gone out to consultation and the closing date is: 20th December 2017.

We consulted:-

1. All of our site residents households across all affected sites
2. All affected district and borough councils specifically the Housing Benefit Departments x 6
3. Friends Families and Travellers (G&T Advocate Group)
4. KCC online consultation for all interested parties

This will go to the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 31st January 2018

All Divisions are affected.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

In summary, not implementing the service charge would lead to either the deterioration or closure of existing sites. So despite considering alternative

approaches, it was clear that charging a service charge would be the best approach to protect the service and continue to deliver for residents and KCC has endeavoured to keep this charge well below rental market costs.

Support documents

NOT BEFORE JANUARY BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Traded Services

Reference No: Provision of this service is a statutory responsibility. The market was tested to establish levels of interest.

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

17/00125 - Healthwatch Kent interim contract

The Decision needed:

Proposed decision: To agree:-

- a) the implementation of an interim contract for the provision of a Local Healthwatch for Kent for the period April 1st 2018 to March 31st 2020, with sufficient break clauses to end earlier where appropriate; and
- b) To incorporate the Service User Forum and Mental health Action Groups into the Healthwatch Kent contract

How the decision relates to Corporate Objectives

- Commissioning Framework Principle 7: Customers at the heart of our commissioning approach
- KCC's commissioning of a Healthwatch for Kent is required by duties under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, which built upon the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

The matter is referred to in the Business Plan/Medium Term Capital Programme.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Traded Services

Date:

Not before January 2018

Reason if Key Decision

No equalities implications – whole Kent provision.

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan**Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors****Consultees**

The proposed incorporation of the Service User Forum and Mental health Action Groups into the Healthwatch Kent contract was discussed by the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 23 November 2017.

The interim contract will be discussed by the Health Reform and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 24 January 2018.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.**Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:**

The value of the proposed interim contract is up to £1.46M (£730k pa) for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020.

Support documents

NOT BEFORE OCTOBER BY CABINET MEMBER

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

Reference No: None

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

17/00094 - Disposal of Land East of Great Chart Primary School, Singleton

The Decision needed:

Approval to the Director of Infrastructure to progress with and enter into the necessary documentation to complete the disposal of the aforementioned property in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services. The Decision will seek legal agreements to be actioned to complete the sale of the relevant properties.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when**Who is taking the Decision**

Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

Date:

Not before October 2017

Reason if Key Decision

None

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Securing a capital receipt to fund the capital programme and to streamline the Council's property portfolio to achieve financial and efficiency benefits in line with appropriate policy

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors**Consultees**

Property decisions to be discussed at the Property Sub Committee.

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.**Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:**

Property holding costs will cease upon sale.

Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

Reference No: None

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

<p>Title: 17/00084 - (Phase 2) A274 Sutton Road, Maidstone at its junction with Willington Street</p> <p>The Decision needed: The Willington Street Junction Improvement Scheme is to help reduce congestion on the Sutton Road corridor on the A274 strategic route. Public engagement on the revised scheme layout will be carried out during August 2017, a report will be presented to advise the feedback and potential amendments including any related mitigation measures.</p> <p>The scheme supports policy objectives of supporting existing businesses and encouraging economic activity with housing growth and job creation by reducing congestion and improving infrastructure and accessibility.</p>
<p>Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when</p>
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste</p> <p>Date: Not before October 2017</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision None - detailed scheme design will consider equalities aspects</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
<p>Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors</p>
<p>Consultees</p> <p>On-going liaison and engagement with residents and business community as required and at appropriate stages of the scheme development.</p> <p>The decision will be discussed at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 21st September 2017.</p>
<p>Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.</p>
<p>Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address: The estimate cost is £3m and will covered under existing budget allocations from the Local Growth Fund and Section 106 Developer Contributions.</p> <p>Support documents</p>

LONG TERM

<p>Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services</p> <p>Reference No:</p> <p>Key Yes</p>
<p>Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.</p>
<p>Title: Lawn Primary School, Gravesend - New Playing Field</p> <p>The Decision needed: Update 01 February 2017: Officers have confirmed that the decision is still ‘live’ and that KCC continue to work with the landowner regarding use of the land and any consequential s106 arrangements. The process is expected to be lengthy and is likely to be ongoing for the duration of 2017.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Cabinet Member will be asked to agree that KCC take a long lease of 99 years at a nominal rent from Lafarge to facilitate expansion of school roll. Lafarge to create new playing field and to maintain subsoil thereafter. The Playing Field is being delivered as part of a s106 Agreement being a contribution to mitigate the impact of adjacent development of 510 homes upon Lawn Primary School and free up space on the existing Lawn PS site to enable expansion of the existing school buildings from 1FE to 2FE.</p>
<p>Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when</p>
<p>Who is taking the Decision Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services</p> <p>Date: Before January 2018</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision This decision is considered as a key decision owing to the length of the lease, in accordance with the Council's Property Management Protocol</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
<p>Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors</p>
<p>Consultees</p>

The proposed Cabinet Member decision will be considered by the Property Sub-Committee at its meeting scheduled 27 March 2015

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

Lead officer: Kahren Knott – Estates Surveyor, Property & Infrastructure Support

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Support documents

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Reference No: 16/00101

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

16/00101 - Proposal to expand Marden Primary School

The Decision needed:

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education will be asked to agree to:

- i. Expand Marden Primary School, Goudhurst Road, Marden, Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 9JX, from 280 places to 420 places, increasing the published admission number (PAN) from 40 to 60 for Year R entry in September 2018
- ii. Allocate the budget from the Basic Needs budget (full details to be provided within the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee Report)

In accordance with Appendix 4 Part 2 16 (a) of the Council's constitution, the Council's Executive Scheme of Officer Delegation provides that "Once a Member-level decision has been taken.....the implementation of that decision should be delegated to officers..." In this instance it is envisaged that the Director of Infrastructure will inherit the authority to act and will enter into any necessary contracts/ agreements on behalf of the County Council or further

delegate responsibilities in accordance with 16 (c) of the same scheme “Senior Managers exercising delegated powers will...be able to sub-delegate...functions to more junior officers”

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

Date:

Not before January 2018

Reason if Key Decision

This proposal will help “to ensure that Kent’s young people have access to the education....necessary to support Kent business to grow ...” as set out in ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council’s Strategic Statement (2015 - 2020)’ and supports delivery of KCC’s responsibility to provide sufficient, high quality places where they are needed as set out in the ‘Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2016-2020’

Financial Implications: Will be set out in the report that will be considered by the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee.

Legal Implications: Any legal implications will be identified in the report that will be considered by the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee

Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment has been produced and can be viewed here: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations .

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors

Consultees

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2016-20 identified Marden as an area of future need and Marden Primary School was therefore proposed for expansion to meet that predicted demand. The Plan was considered and endorsed by the Education and Young People’s Services Cabinet Committee on 15 December 2015 prior to the final version being considered and approved by Cabinet on 21 March 2016.

A public consultation commenced on 23 September 2016 and closed on 21 October 2016. Further information is available on the School Consultation webpage: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

The outcome of the consultation was due to be reported to Education and Young People’s Services Cabinet Committee on 23 November. The report was deferred, pending further discussions on the design and planning process and will be considered by the Cabinet Committee at its meeting scheduled for 22 June 2017

Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.

Your name, Your Service, Your phone number and email address:

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Support documents

UPDATE AWAITED

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Reference No: 13/00095

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:

Disposal - Residential Land adjoining Great Clayne Lane Farm, Gravesend.

The Decision needed:

To seek approval for the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services to progress with and enter into the necessary legal documentation to complete the disposal of residential land adjoining Great Clayne Lane Farm, Gravesend following the marketing of the site. The site has been marketed and offers received, shortlisted and a preferred purchaser has been identified. The Decision will seek for legal agreements to be actioned to complete the sale of the property.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Date:

Not before October 2015

<p>Reason if Key Decision Financial criteria is likely to be exceeded</p> <p>Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan</p>
<p>Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors</p>
<p>Consultees</p> <p>Local Members Colin Caller and Jane Cribbon will be consulted before the decision is taken and all members of the council notified.</p>
<p>Section 4 – Responsible Officer – Who to contact for more information.</p>
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<p>Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services</p> <p>Reference No: 14.00022</p> <p>Key Yes</p>
<p>Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council's Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.</p>
<p>Title: Former Shepway Resource Centre, Folkestone - Disposal</p> <p>The Decision needed: LATEST UPDATE: 19/05/2014 - Decision due date changed from 18/02/2014 to 01/08/2014. REASON: The proposed decision to dispose of the Centre was delayed while internal processes were undertaken to ensure that no other suitable use could be found before disposal. This process is complete and the former resource centre will be placed on the market shortly. Responses from the market will be gauged after a period of approximately 3 months and a proposal for the site put forward at that time. The decision will be considered by the Property Sub-Committee or the Policy and Resources</p>

cabinet Committee before being taken by the Cabinet Member.

To seek approval to the disposal of the former Shepway Resource Centre following the marketing of the site

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Date:

Not before October 2015

Reason if Key Decision

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan

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Consultees

The proposed decisions will be discussed at Policy & Resources' Property Sub Committee following marketing.
The property is situated within the electoral division of Folkestone West.
Cllr Hod Birkby has been consulted.

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DEFERRED

Responsible Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Reference No:

Key Yes

Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.

Title:
Sandwich Highways Depot

The Decision needed:

Update 09/03/2015:

DEFERRED: The disposals team at KCC are currently working on new plans for the site in order to ensure that the maximum value is secured; surveys are being carried out with a view to marketing the site in the future dependent on the outcome of those surveys.

Latest Update:

19/05/2014: Decision due date changed from 23/12/2013 to ‘Not before’ 01/11/2014.
REASON: The disposals team at KCC are currently working on new plans for the site in order to ensure that the maximum value for the site is secured. Options appraisal work is underway and this work is expected to take approx. 6 months, therefore an expected decision date is set for November.

To seek approval to proceed with the disposal of the above site to raise a capital receipt which will be allocated to support the capital programme.

To seek approval to identify and progress with the acquisition of a new site for the service.

The Director of Property and Infrastructure Support will be authorised to finalise terms for both the disposal and acquisition of a new site.

This decision is needed to enable a modern highway service operation to be provided in the East Kent Area that is both reactive and responsive to changing demands. It directly supports 3 of the Bold Steps for Kent.

- Firstly it helps deliver the “Kent Environment Strategy” by the provision of new environmentally friendly facilities (e.g. grey water) via the construction technique with the eventual adaptation of new work practices within the new depot.
- Secondly it builds relations with key business sectors across Kent as the supply chain involved in such a project provides work to businesses of all sizes.
- Thirdly by the better siting and provision of facilities for the new depot it ensures that the most robust and effective public protection arrangements are in place for road management including bad weather response.

The impact of the decision is that full assessment of the potential disposal of the site can be explored within the market place to ensure that best value principles are adhered to. In tandem a full search and feasibility study will be undertaken to identify a new location for the alternative highways depot which satisfies the above objectives.

Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when

Who is taking the Decision

Cabinet Member for Corporate & Democratic Services

Date:

Reason if Key Decision

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Consultees

The matter was considered by the Property Sub Committee of the Policy and resources Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 27th February 2013. The proposed decision was endorsed by the Committee.

The report to committee was exempt from publication and consideration of it took place in private.

Public minutes can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/g5176/Printed%20minutes%2027th-Feb-2013%2014.00%20Property%20Sub-Committee.pdf?T=1>

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Responsible Cabinet Member -

Reference No: 12/020231

Key No
Section 1 – the decision needed, how it relates to the Council’s Corporate Outcomes and the Costs and risks involved.
<p>Title: Eden Centre Lease</p> <p>The Decision needed: LATEST UPDATE: 19/05/2014 - Decision due date changed from 01/03/2014 to 01/01/2015. REASON: The decision remains at the earliest stages of investigation and options appraisal. A further review will take place in January 2015 when a decision pathway will be identified and the proposed decision updated further.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>To seek agreement to the principle of granting a long lease to a charitable community interest company or similar vehicle, of The Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge.</p> <p>The proposal directly links to Bold Steps for Kent, putting the citizen in control, building new partnerships and providing a new fit for purpose building to deliver Library and FSC services in conjunction with other partners such as the Citizen’s Advice Bureau and House (West Kent Action), to support Kent’s more vulnerable citizens.</p> <p>The impact of the decision will be that KCC will have less control of the management and operation of the centre as they would become the responsibility of a third party.</p> <p>Risks identified are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliance on the professionalism of the trustees to deliver a successful facility, agreeing with all partners a financial model for the charitable vehicle • Reputational damage to KCC if the charitable vehicle were to fail • Obtaining buy in from all community groups in occupation to form trust • Untried and untested model • Level of income generation from the centre which could go to the charitable vehicle is currently unknown as a new facility • Continued KCC ownership of a non-core asset • Officers may be unable to get agreement from stakeholders, charitable vehicle does not prove financially sustainable or the trust may break down and charitable vehicle will have to pick up void periods and associated costs (benefit to KCC).
Section 2 – Who is taking the final decision and when
<p>Who is taking the Decision</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Reason if Key Decision Not a key decision</p>

Reason if this decision has been delayed/withdrawn from a previous plan
Section 3 – – Who is to be consulted, how and when, (The Duty to Inform/consult/Involve) including relevant scrutiny councillors
<p>Consultees</p> <p>The Eden Church, Citizen's Advice Bureau, House (West Kent Action), Edenbridge Library and FSC as partners in the centre. It is expected that representatives from all of these occupier groups will be represented by the charitable vehicle trustees, along with Sevenoaks District Council and Edenbridge Town Council.</p>
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