

REPORT

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To: Supporting People in Kent Commissioning Body

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Subject: The Kent Five-Year Supporting People Strategy 2010-15

Classification: Unrestricted

For Decision

Summary: The report presents the final draft of the Kent Supporting People Strategy 2010-15 and incorporates all feedback received since the first draft was presented to the Core Strategy Development Group in November 2009.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Supporting People Strategy 2010-15 incorporates further feedback received since the draft strategy was distributed to stakeholders. The Core Strategy Development group was presented with the revised strategy in its February 2010 meeting. The Strategy is attached at Appendix One. All amendments are highlighted in bold and underlined. Appendix Two incorporates all feedback received from key stakeholders (including responses received after the 1 Feb 2010 deadline) and the Supporting People Programme response. The Core Strategy Development Group was informed that a strategic review of investment was being developed in order to adopt a commissioning framework which interpreted the objectives of the strategy.
- 1.2 The strategy has been developed after extensive consultation and needs and supply analysis. It explicitly recognises that the forthcoming years will herald significant changes - a potential change of government, economic uncertainty and a challenging financial backdrop that may lead to a reduction in funding levels of £4 million by 2011/12.
- 1.3 In 2010 the Programme will be allocated within the Area Based Grant although the Audit Commission has already made explicit the expectation that the Programme will continue to deliver services within the existing Outcomes Framework, that the commitment to the Programme should be maintained and that it will continue to be an element for evaluation within the Comprehensive Area Assessment.

2.0 Context

- 2.1 The strategy was developed within the framework of needs and supply analysis, consultations with key stakeholders, and within assumptions relating to grant funding.
- 2.2 A strategic review of investment is being carried out and will be presented to the Commissioning Body as a separate report in June 2010. The review informs the commissioning plan that will accompany that report and that, in turn, is informed by the strategic directions contained within the strategy document.

3.0 The Kent Supporting People Strategy 2010-2015

- 3.1 The broad objectives and proposed actions of the strategy remain the same. However, there are changes that were suggested in feedback from stakeholders and which have been adopted by the programme.
- 3.2 The changes are highlighted within the strategy document attached at Appendix One.

4.0 Consultations and Feedback

- 4.1 The Supporting People Programme received written feedback from a range of stakeholders. Where appropriate, feedback has been incorporated into the final draft of the strategy.
- 4.2 The Supporting People Programme also presented the strategy to bodies of stakeholders within the Programme. Again, any feedback received has been incorporated in the final draft of the strategy. The table below details these presentations:

Fig. 1 Consultation Timetable

Date	Body
17.11.09	Supporting People Core Strategy Development Group
25.11.09	DMT (Communities)
27.11.09	SMT (Communities)
11.12.09	SMT (Kent Adult Social Services)
16.12.09	Supporting People Commissioning Body
12.01.10	Policy Overview Committee (Communities)
21.01.10	Kent Children's Trust Executive Board
26.01.10	SMT (Children, Families and Education)
1.02.10	KCC Cabinet

- 4.3 A summary of all feedback received and the team's response is attached at Appendix Two.

5.0 Service User Consultation

- 5.1 During the development of the strategy the Supporting People team consulted with 72 service users as part of a range of focus groups. Members of the service user panel attended the consultation conference in September 2009.
- 5.2 A further 250 service users provided feedback through electronic surveys.
- 5.3 The Supporting People team consulted with the service user panel on the strategy in December 2009. Feedback has been incorporated into the strategy and the summary of feedback at Appendix Two.

6.0 Customer Impact Assessment

- 6.1 Following an initial screening of the first draft strategy, a further screening has been carried out. The assessment is attached at Appendix Three. The assessment is currently being looked at by the Equalities Challenge Network.

7.0 Financial Impact Assessment

- 7.1 The financial impact of the strategy relates to expenditure within a limited budget and addressing the projected overspend by 2012 and the potential cut in grant funding.
- 7.2 The new five-year strategy (and any appropriate transitional arrangements) will be fully costed as part of the commissioning plan that will be presented to the Commissioning Body in a separate report in June 2010.

8.0 Conclusion

- 8.1 The report presents an amended final draft of the Kent Five-Year Supporting People Strategy 2010-2015 and incorporates feedback received following distribution of the strategy to stakeholders.
- 8.2 The objectives and priorities set out in the strategy will be translated into a commissioning plan that will be presented at the next Commissioning Body as part of the report on the strategic review of investment.
- 8.3 Once the strategy has been agreed by the Commissioning Body, the Supporting People team will draft an Annual Plan which will be presented to the Commissioning Body in June 2010.

9.0 Recommendations

The Commissioning Body is asked to:

- (i) Agree the strategy

- (ii) Request the Supporting People team to draft the Annual Plan 2010-11 submission to Commissioning Body in June 2010

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Background Information:

Report Developing the Supporting People Strategy 2010-2015
1st Draft Supporting People Strategy 2010-15

Appendix 1: Final Draft Kent Supporting People Strategy 2010-15
Appendix 2: Summary of Stakeholder Feedback
Appendix 3: Customer Impact Assessment