

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Clair Bell
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

20/00102

For publication

Key decision: YES

Expenditure in excess of £1m

Title of Decision CARE HOMES CONTRACTS FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY, PEOPLE WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

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

a) AWARD contracts to provide residential care for People with a Learning Disability, People with a Physical Disability and People with Mental Health Needs to the successful bidders as identified following a procurement process and detailed in exempt appendix 1; and

b) DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health to take relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of and entering into required contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision: Contracts for Residential Care Home Services for People with a Learning Disability, People with a Physical Disability and People with Mental Health Needs were awarded under decision number 20/00030, however provision was not made in that decision to allow new services to join the contract

Care homes form part of the services to meet statutory requirement for provision of services across Kent for People with a Learning Disability, People with a Physical Disability and People with Mental Health Needs. The new contracts will replace existing services and bring the delivery of multiple services together under one Contract to form an 'umbrella' of interventions. These interventions aim, wherever possible to support a person to achieve the outcomes that are important to them, in line with the Care Act and the strategic direction for delivery of adult social care services in Kent.

Financial Implications: In-depth detailed work carried out by Strategic Commissioning, Commissioners and Finance Teams identified the potential cost to move services from the recent tender onto the 2020 contracts.

The table below shows the estimated maximum cost increase to move services from the recent tender on to the 2020 contracts.

Summary	Maximum Potential Increase
	£000's
Annual increase tendered services	£2,542

Legal Implications: The Strategic Commissioning Division enlisted the support of Legal Services through the development of the contract specification and Terms and Conditions, although the standard Care Services Terms and Conditions will be used. There will need to be resource allocated at the end point of the contract award for contracts to be signed and sealed. The new contracts will

be taken forward in a way which ensures the Council's statutory responsibilities are discharged accordingly.

Equality Implications: The Equality Impact Assessment is updated as part of the project plan when changes have occurred and have been fully considered. All the significant changes will be approached in a manner that respect and adhere to the Council's equalities responsibilities. All appropriate advice will be sought from the Strategy, Policy, Relationships and Corporate Assurance Division.

Data Protection Implications A Data Protection Impact Assessment has also been developed and will be updated as the work to deliver the new contracts is progressed.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 18 January 2022 and the recommendations were endorsed.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

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

Clair Bell

2 February 2022

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signed

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date