

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Cabinet

DECISION NO:

22/00097

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

The Kent and Medway Interim Integrated Care Strategy

Decision:

Cabinet agree the Kent and Medway Interim Integrated Care Strategy on behalf of the County Council.

Reason(s) for decision:

Integrated Care Systems came into existence in July 2022. The Integrated Care Partnership is required to produce the Kent and Medway Interim Integrated Care Strategy, and this has been managed by the three statutory partners of the Integrated Care Partnership - KCC, Medway Council and the Integrated Care Board (NHS Kent and Medway). Development of the Interim Strategy has followed the requirements set out in statutory guidance and it sets out the commitment to closer working and integration between health and care services and with other services that influence the wider determinants, many of which are provided by KCC as well as other partners in the public and voluntary and community sectors.

The Department for Health and Social Care requires that Integrated Care Strategies are published by the end of December 2022 to inform the first 5-year joint forward plans which Integrated Care Boards (NHS) must agree before the next financial year. The guidance recognises that 2022 to 2023 will be a transitional period and that Integrated Care Partnerships will want to refresh and develop their Integrated Care Strategy as they grow and mature. Therefore, the Strategy published by the end of December will be an interim version that will be subject to further development.

In its Council Strategy, Framing Kent's Future, KCC has committed to seize the opportunity of integrating our planning, commissioning and decision making in adult, children, and public health services through being a partner in the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System at place and system level. Through its statutory requirements and the commitments, it has made, KCC is a key partner in the development and implementation of the Integrated Care Strategy.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Given the limited time available for the development of the Interim Strategy, engagement with stakeholders has been focused on key partner organisations across the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System, including at a symposium on 28th October 2022 involving partners across the public, VCSE and private sector, and presentations at Joint Kent Chiefs and Leaders meetings. An online platform was also set up to allow stakeholders and the public to comment on key themes. Feedback and priorities identified through this engagement have shaped the development of the Interim Strategy.

Public and partner consultation will be delivered throughout 2023 to shape the development and implementation of the next iteration of the Strategy.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

No alternatives were considered due to the requirement from Department of Health and Social Care for all Integrated Care Systems to publish an Integrated Care Strategy by the end of December 2022.

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

None.

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