

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet

DECISION NO:

23-00091

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Key decision: YES

Key decision criteria. The decision will:

- a) result in savings or expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function (currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000); or
- b) be significant in terms of its effects on a significant proportion of the community living or working within two or more electoral divisions – which will include those decisions that involve:
 - the adoption or significant amendment of major strategies or frameworks;
 - significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether County-wide or in a particular locality.

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Approval of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy

Decision:

Cabinet agree to:

- (a) APPROVE the adoption of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy following final recommendation by the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Partnership,
- (b) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Public Health to take the relevant actions to implement this decision,
- (c) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to make non-substantial revisions as appropriate during the lifetime of the Strategy.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC is a partner local authority in the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System and a statutory member of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). It is a statutory requirement for Integrated Care Partnerships to produce an Integrated Care Strategy, which sets the strategic direction and priorities for the health and wellbeing of the population. Recommendation by the ICP and approval by the three statutory partners (KCC, Medway Council and NHS Kent and Medway) is required before the strategy can be implemented. The Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy also performs the role of the Kent Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The strategy will be a vehicle for the further integration of health and care services to better meet the needs of individuals and communities, support the sustainability of health and care services and go beyond 'traditional' NHS and social care services to act on the wider determinants of health with other partners to bring real improvements in health outcomes. It will support KCC to achieve the commitments set out in *Framing Kent's Future* to integrate our planning, commissioning and decision making in adult's, children's, and public health services through being a partner in the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System at place and system level

Financial Implications

No direct costs are associated with the approval of the Integrated Care Strategy. Costs for consultation activity and officer time in developing the strategy have been managed within existing budgets.

The Integrated Care Strategy sets out the vision for further integration of our services to better meet health and care needs and make the best use of resources. Delivery of the strategy will be managed through more detailed delivery and commissioning plans across the system, where specific financial implications will be identified and managed.

Legal Implications

KCC is a partner local authority in the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System and a statutory member of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Partnership. The Health and Care Act 2022 requires Integrated Care Partnerships to produce an Integrated Care Strategy to set out how the assessed health and care needs of the area can be met through the exercise of the functions of the Integrated Care Board, partner local authorities or NHS England. Integrated Care Systems must draw on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies and Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in producing their Integrated Care Strategies. Commissioners must have regard to the relevant Integrated Care Strategy when exercising any of their functions, so far as relevant.

Equalities implications

An Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Impact Assessment has been completed for the Integrated Care Strategy and is attached. This has been led by colleagues at NHS Kent and Medway with input from KCC. The Integrated Care Strategy aims to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for all people in Kent and Medway, with a particular emphasis on addressing health inequalities and providing more support for those with the greatest need including needs associated with protected characteristics. Subsequently, the assessment identifies that there is potential for positive impact for all protected characteristic groups, to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic, and therefore meets the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty. The assessment sets out an action to ensure that detailed equality analysis and mitigation is put in place for specific service changes or projects that happen as a result of the strategy.

Data Protection implications

A Data Protection Impact Assessment is not required.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Integrated Care Strategy was considered by the following relevant Cabinet Committees:

- Health Reform and Public Health – 7 November
- Growth, Economic Development and Communities – 9 November
- Children, Young People and Education – 21 November
- Adult Social Care – 23 November

All four Cabinet Committees endorsed the proposed decision to approve the Integrated Care Strategy.

Extensive stakeholder and public consultation has taken place to inform the refresh of the Integrated Care Strategy. Details are provided in the Consultation Report.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

N/A due to the statutory requirements set out above.

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

None.



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