

## County Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Motion for Time Limited Debate

**Proposer:** Mr. Alister Brady

**Seconder:** Ms. Jackie Meade

#### **Background Information Provided by the Labour Group:**

Kent County Council, along with Medway Council and the NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board, is a statutory partner within the Integrated Care Partnership. All three partners developed and approved the refreshed Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) earlier this year. The aim of the strategy is to improve the health and wellbeing of the Kent population, with a particular focus on prevention and addressing the wider determinants of health (including, but not limited to, access to education and employment, good quality housing and a clean environment).

As exemplified within the ICS, there are a wide range of issues that determine a person's health and wellbeing, 'with clinical care only accounting for 20 per cent of the impact'<sup>1</sup>, therefore decision making across Directorates at KCC regularly impacts the health of Kent residents and this should be acknowledged during this process. Currently, decision-making documents within the Council consider legal, financial and equalities implications and, where relevant, demonstrate how a decision meets the objectives of Securing Kent's Future and Framing Kent's Future. Similarly, this motion believes that decisions should be assessed through the Integrated Care Strategy and that this should be demonstrated on the relevant papers.

This motion acknowledges that Medway Council and the NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board are statutory bodies in their own right, and as such, KCC cannot impose any decisions on these partners without their expressed approval. Therefore, this motion is explicitly in relation to how Kent County Council can act, within its remit, to deliver the outcomes set out within the Integrated Care Strategy. Although all partners are responsible for delivering the aims set out in the strategy, KCC should lead by example and do everything within its abilities to improve the health and wellbeing of Kent's residents.

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<sup>1</sup> Kent and Medway Integrated Care System (2024), *Integrated Care Strategy*, pg. 7. Available at: [https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/application/files/8717/1267/5010/CS56370\\_Care\\_Strategy-final-accessible\\_v3.pdf](https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/application/files/8717/1267/5010/CS56370_Care_Strategy-final-accessible_v3.pdf)

**Motion:**

This County Council resolves to:

- Agree that all decisions, where relevant, must align with the Integrated Care Strategy objectives and request that decision making documentation demonstrates this.
- Request that decision-making documentation, where relevant, will evidence how a decision is working towards achieving the Integrated Care Strategy's progress indicators.
- Request that if a decision is made which does none of the above, then a reason for this must be cited within the decision-making documentation.