

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Cabinet

DECISION NO:

24/00115

For publication: Yes

Key decision: Yes

Title of Decision:

Adoption of the Integrated Care Strategy Delivery Plan

Decision: Cabinet propose to:

- a) To ADOPT the Integrated Care Strategy Delivery Plan on behalf of Kent County Council
- b) To DELEGATE authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and Leader of the Council to refresh and/or make non-substantial revisions to the Integrated Care Strategy Delivery Plan as appropriate during the lifetime of the document.
- c) To DELEGATE authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the relevant Corporate Directors of affected services, to take relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of, and entering into required contract or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason for Decision:

To adopt the ICS Delivery Plan and to confirm the corporate position in the delivery of existing and new priorities.

The Delivery Plan sets out the proposed priorities for action, developed by each corporate directorate, that will contribute to improved local health and to the delivery of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) alongside the current contributions that the Council is making to the ICS Shared Delivery Plan.

Background – Provide brief additional context

The Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy/Kent Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan was endorsed by Cabinet in July 2024. At that point it was a high level overview which did not commit KCC to any specific actions and its intended purpose was to ensure that all the programmes of work currently underway were aligned to relevant strategies.

Since then the Delivery Plan has evolved and work has taken place within each Council Directorate to capture work currently in train that contributes to improved health tackling the full range of wider determinants as well as addressing inequalities. As health is strongly impacted on by a wide range of social, economic, educational, community and environmentally focused issues, all parts of KCC are playing a key role in health locally.

Additionally, we wish to improve health locally and each directorate has a part to play. As a result directorate teams have developed and agreed priority actions that they will take over the next one to three years that will impact positively on local health. These have been largely framed to be of low or no cost, given the financial challenges we face.

The existing work and the new planned activity together represent KCCs contribution to the delivery of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy.

Financial Implications:

The detailed financial costs if any, will be agreed and developed within each directorate. Where possible all proposed incremental developments will be at low or no cost. Should any of the activity require additional decision making, this will be done via appropriate governance at a later date.

Legal Implications

KCC, the local NHS and Medway Council are statutory members of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Partnership. The Health and Care Act 2022 requires Integrated Care Partnerships to produce an Integrated Care Strategy. Commissioners must have regard to the relevant Integrated Care Strategy when exercising any of their functions, so far as relevant.

Equalities Implications:

An Equality Impact Assessment for the Shared Delivery Plan has been completed and shows no negative impact on any protected characteristics.

Data Protection Implications:

Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) screening tool has been completed, with no expected data protection implications as a result of this decision.

Any new monitoring or review arrangements of sensitive health data will be subject to the data protection assessment process, and subject to Data Protection Legislation.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was considered and endorsed at the Health Reform and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 21 January 2025 prior to decision by Cabinet on 30 January 2025.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Do nothing; This would potentially negatively impact on the health of the people of Kent. It would additionally impact negatively on our reputation as a key local leader and partner in the wider Kent system and Integrated Care System.

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

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