

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Georgia Foster, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

DECISION NUMBER:

26/00041

Executive Decision – Key

26/00041 Every Day Life Activities Contract Extension

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I propose to:

- a) **EXTEND** the Every Day Life Activities contract for up to two years from 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2028; and
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health to take other 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.

Reasons for decision: The Every Day Life Activities (EDLA) contract commenced on 1 October 2022. It will expire on 30 September 2026. The contract has two permitted 2-year extensions available. There are 24 providers on the EDLA Framework.

The proposed decision seeks to extend the existing contract from 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2028, using a permissible up to 2-year extension to maintain service continuity while the Council prepares for recommissioning of the service. There are 24 providers on the EDLA Framework. The EDLA contract currently supports 1,089 people aged 18 and over with assessed eligible Care Act needs and these services form part of their agreed support arrangements to meet those needs, supporting people with independent living skills, employment and training opportunities, reduce reliance on higher-cost services and support for family carers

The decision not to extend the contract presents significant risks including service disruption, increased costs, and inability to meet statutory Care Act duties. The extension will provide stability while enabling strengthened contract and demand management, improved value for money and a planned transition to a more sustainable, outcomes-focused model.

How the proposed decision supports the Council's Strategic Statement:

Reforming Kent 2025–2028 Strategic Statement sets out the Council's approach to becoming a financially sustainable, outcome-focused authority that delivers effective support to residents while making best use of limited resources. The service supports independence and prevention. This proposed decision supports that ambition by maintaining continuity of essential services for residents, while a

redesign and recommissioning of day opportunities is undertaken to better meet changing needs.

Financial implications: The contract is funded via the Adult Social Care and Health budget. The estimated whole life contract value, detailed in the Award Report and based on a four-year contract with two x two-year available extensions was £76,378,568.

Based on the 2025/2026 service cost of £10,935,300, the total cost of the two-year extension is expected to be £21,870,600.

The average cost per person of EDLA is £10,042 per year, or £192 per week. The spend on non-framework providers in 2025/2026 was £4,427,000 and average cost per person is £10,343.

Legal implications: The Council commissions services from the independent sector to meet the needs of individuals deemed to be eligible in accordance with and following a Care Act assessment. If the contract ends the Council will still be required to fully meet its statutory obligation under the Care Act with regards to providing a high quality, safe service at an affordable price.

Equalities implications: An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) was completed as part of the original tender exercise. The EQIA has been reviewed and is still relevant with no negative impacts identified.

Data Protection implications: A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) was completed at the time of tender and there are no new data protection implications to be considered.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision was discussed by the Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 8 July 2026 and the recommendations were endorsed.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

The following options were considered and rejected:

Extend the contract without a structured programme of redesign for when the contract extension ends

Maintains service continuity, financial control and statutory compliance. This option does not seek opportunities to strengthen contract and demand management during the extension. This option does not plan to redesign and recommission day opportunities, which could mean the 2nd permissible two-year extension would be needed.

End the Contract

This creates significant statutory, operational, financial and market risks, including potential service disruption, increased costs and reputational impact for the Council.

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

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Signed

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Date