

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

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DECISION NO.

10/01508

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Subject:

OUTCOME ON THE FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE VARIATION OF SERVICES AT BLACKBURN LODGE REGISTERED CARE CENTRE, SHEERNESS

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services I APPROVE that:

- a) Services at Blackburn Lodge should be transferred under a partnership arrangement
- b) Kent Adult Social Services will undertake a full tender process to select a suitable provider or providers to deliver the modernised services required as part of the commissioning strategy for Sheppey.

This decision is taken on the basis that there will be no closures before alternative services are in place.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

The main drivers are that:

- a) More people are living longer and living with long term conditions including dementia. People rightly expect more choice in care
- b) High quality care is a continuing priority. Dignity in care is crucial and more people want care at home
- c) Residential care should be in high quality buildings. Some KCC buildings have reached the end of their useful life and don't meet expectations or standards for new builds
- d) Good quality care can be commissioned for less money. The private and voluntary sector is set up to care for more people.

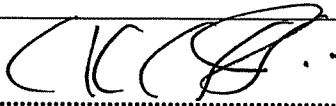
The considerations and options considered included:

- a) The range of alternative local services for older people
- b) The opportunity for developments with partners in the local area
- c) The condition of the building and likely capital expenditure required to maintain services
- d) The appropriateness of the design of the buildings for the services delivered and required
- e) The need to release money that is tied in to services that could be used to deliver equivalent services to more people.

This decision will contribute to ensuring the appropriate care for older people is delivered in Sheppey in the future. This will consist of a range of services including services for people with dementia and nursing care.

Background Documents:

Report by the Managing Director, KASS "Outcome on the formal consultation on the variation of services at Blackburn Lodge Registered Care Centre, Sheerness" (Decision No. 10/01508)



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signed

13 JANUARY 2011
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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			