

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY**

Graham Gibbens

**DECISION NO.**

10/01514

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**Subject:**

**OUTCOME ON THE FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE CLOSURE OF LADESFIELD REGISTERED CARE CENTRE, WHITSTABLE**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services I APPROVE that Ladesfield should close no later than September 2011.

This decision is taken on the basis that there will be no closure 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.

I am assured that both assessments and intensive support will be offered to all service users and their families to plan and provide alternative services and that the range of services needed will be available.

I have asked officers to work closely with health colleagues to ensure the development of a range of integrated services for older people across the locality.

**Background Documents:**

Report by the Managing Director, KASS 'Outcome on the formal consultation on the variation of services at Ladesfield Registered Care Centre, Whitstable' (Decision No. 10/01514)

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*CCCA*

signed

13 JANUARY 2011  
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			