

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Graham Gibbens

DECISION NO.

10/01516

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject:

OUTCOME ON THE FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE CLOSURE OF THE LIMES REGISTERED CARE CENTRE, DARTFORD

Decision:

As Cabinet Member of Adult Social Services I APPROVE that The Limes should close in 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 reached the end of their useful life and do not 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 buildings 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 ensure the use of existing and development of alternative day care within the voluntary sector to meet existing and future need.

I am satisfied that the delivery of enablement services out of Gravesham Place is the most appropriate option for delivering the service.

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, and to ensure that the future use of the building and land is speedily determined so that the building does not become derelict.

Background Documents:

Report by Managing Director, KASS 'Outcome of the formal consultation on the proposed closure of The Limes Registered Care Centre, Dartford' (Decision No. 10/01516)



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			