

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY**

Graham Gibbens

**DECISION NO.**

11/01611

*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 OF THE FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE CLOSURE/VARIATION OF KCC'S OLDER PERSONS PROVISION WHICH INCLUDES THE DOROTHY LUCY CENTRE, MAIDSTONE**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services I note the contents of the report and ask officers to develop proposals to consult during 2011.

**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:

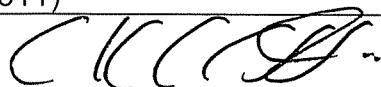
- a) More people are living longer and living with long term conditions including dementia. People rightly expect more choice in care
- b) High quality care is a continuing priority. Dignity in care is crucial and more people want care at home
- c) Residential care should be in high quality buildings. 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.

**Background Documents:**

Report by Managing Director, KASS 'Outcome of the formal consultation on the closure/variation of KCC's older persons provision which includes the Dorothy Lucy Centre, Maidstone' (Decision No. 11/01611)



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			