KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY	DECISION NO.
Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	11/01704

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Subject:

Outcome of Formal Consultation on a New Service Model for Learning Disability Services in the Thanet District.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I APPROVE:

(a) the development of new resources within Thanet to be known as Community Hubs, which when fully developed and used to the satisfaction of service users will eventually lead to the closure of the segregated service currently run in the Thanet DOS building. The closure will not take place until the new service is in place *and working*.

(b) the implementation of the new service model for learning disability day services within the Thanet District. This will be introduced on a phased basis.

(c) the commissioning of a feasibility study on the Thanet DOS building and site to ascertain the viability of both capital and revenue investment in terms of using the building as part of the future new service model.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

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

Kent County Council's (KCC) modernisation of Day Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities is an integral part of the transformation towards more personalised services reflecting the vision and strategy contained within "Valuing People Now" and KCC's "Active Lives". The Good Day Programme (GDP) was set up to improve services for people with learning disabilities during the day, evening and weekends by providing a countywide framework and support for the local programme of change.

With the implementation of 'Bold Steps' KCC is keen to see the development of sustainable community resources in partnership with the private, voluntary sector and social enterprise; and aims to evolve fully into a commissioner of community care services rather than a facilitator or provider of them. The Good Day Programme has incorporated these aims and objectives in the planning of proposed future service models, assisting in fulfilling these desired outcomes.
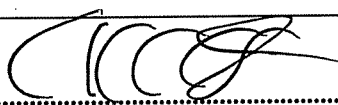
During the consultation period a suggested 3 Year Business Proposal was submitted from East Kent Mencap (EK Mencap) - a collaboration between EK Mencap and a selection of family carer representatives who are members of the Thanet DOS Carers Forum. The proposal put forward for consideration was to take over the running of the Thanet DOS site.

It has been decided not to proceed with the EK Mencap proposal for the following reasons:

➢ The EK Mencap Business proposal does not offer value for money.
➢ The business proposal does not include TUPE arrangements for the existing Thanet DOS staff team.
➢ The proposal is based on the service being accessed by 54% of the current service users and using EK Mencap's community support model: 1:5 support ration (1 member of staff to 5 Service users).
➢ A service would still need to be provided for the remaining 46% of current service users with around a third of the existing revenue budget. This would result in the remaining service not being met within the existing budget and therefore incurring a substantial increase in revenue cost to deliver a service to the same number of people.

Background Documents:
Report by the Corporate Director, Families and Social Care: Outcome of Formal Consultation on a New Service Model for Learning Disability Services in the Thanet District (Decision No. 12/01704) Better Days for people with learning disabilities in Kent.

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signed

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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny		Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration		Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued		Reconsideration of Decision Published
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	