

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO.

12/01880

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 Formal Consultation on Outsourcing, Five Learning Disability Group Based Day Activity Services to another Organisation

Decision:

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

- a. The outsourcing of five group based Learning Disability Day Services (Freeways Catering Service, Nolan's Table Café & The Check In Café, Wood 'n' Ware, Wood & Leather Craft and Hadlow Pottery) to external organisations.
- b. Subject to the contracts that cover the outsourcing including that the providers must:
 - Recognise and support all safeguarding processes
 - Recognise the importance of maintaining client networks and supporting friendships
 - Provide development opportunities for clients
 - Provide good training for staff.

In taking the decision I have taken into account the report presented and views expressed at the Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 14 September 2012. Members of Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee RESOLVED that the decision to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Public Health to outsource five group based learning disability day services be endorsed.

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.

The alternative to outsourcing the four KCC in-house services (Freeways Catering Service, Nolan's Table Café & The Check In Café, Wood 'n' Ware, Wood & Leather Craft) is to keep them as directly provided services. Outsourcing increases the range of funding opportunities available to the services, allows individuals to use direct payments to purchase services and also allows for the opportunity for community groups and/or staff to register expressions of interest under the Community Right to Challenge.

Background Documents:

Report by the Corporate Director, Families and Social Care: Outcome of Formal Consultation on Outsourcing Five Learning Disability Group based Day Activity Services To Another Organisation.(Decision No 12/01880)

Better Days for people with learning disabilities in Kent



signed

12 October 2012

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	