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To: Dementia Select Committee Meeting – 5 February 2013

Subject: **DEMENTIA - A NEW STAGE IN LIFE: RESPONSE TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Summary: This report advises Members of the implementation of the recommendations in Dementia – A New Stage in Life Select Committee report which was published in September 2011.

The report sets out response to the recommendations and, describes actions taken since the publication of the report and the progress made to date.

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## Introduction

1. (1) The Dementia Select Committee was established by the then Adult Social Services Policy and Overview Scrutiny Committee at the end of 2010 and the final report of the Committee was published in September 2011 and presented to Kent County Council on 5 December 2011.

(2) The Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee received a report that outlined the Implementation Plan on the recommendations at its meeting on 30 March 2012.

(3) The Select Committee comprised of nine Members of the County Council; seven Conservative, one Labour (co-opted Member) and one Liberal Democrats. The Members of the Select Committee were Trudy Dean (Chairman), Mrs. Ann Allen, Mr. David Brazier, Mr. Alan Chell, Mr. Les Christie, Mr. John Kirby, Mr. Steve Manion, Mr. Ken Pugh, Mr. Avtar Sandhu.

(4) The Terms of Reference for the Select Committee were to:

- Examined issues around '9 Steps' of 'Quality Outcomes' for people with dementia and their carers in Kent.
- To identify good practice and innovation in Kent and elsewhere, that could contribute to achievement of the '9 steps'.
- To identify factors militating against achievement of the '9 steps' and make recommendations for improvements.

(5) The original draft scope included aspects noted below and these

were thought to be of most concern to people living with dementia and their carers. These were given greater focus in the review. The key areas were:  
prominently in the report:

- Stigma
- Awareness-raising among professionals
- Inclusiveness of training, care and support
- Early diagnosis
- Post-diagnosis support
- Carers
- Technology
- Information, advice and signposting
- Decision-making
- Personalisation
- Person-centred care

(6) The Dementia Select Committee report made a total of 17 recommendations for further action. Please see Appendix 1 for details of progress to- date in respect of the recommendations.

(7) The Select Committee received both written and oral evidence from a wide range of stakeholders including representatives of local and national dementia support organisations, officers from Kent County Council, NHS Trusts, carers and District and Borough Councils.

(3) The Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee received a report on progress to date at its meeting on 11 January 2013, and noted the steps taken to-date.

## **Recommendations**

8. (1) Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the response to the recommendations by officers.
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## **Appendix**

Appendix 1: Dementia Select Committee Implementation Plan Update.

## **Background Documents**

Dementia – A New Stage in Life Select Committee Report, September 2011.

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