

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TAKEN BY

Paul Carter  
Leader of Kent County Council

## DECISION NO.

13/00010

Unrestricted

## Subject:

Appointment of Newton Europe as the transformation and efficiency partner who will manage the delivery of the Adult Social Care Integration Programme

## Decision:

I, Leader of Kent County Council agree to :

1. Award the contract of transformation and efficiency partner for the adult social care transformation programme to the bidder identified in the exempt report, Newton Europe.
2. Delegate Authority to the Corporate Director Families and Social Care in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health to enter into the necessary contracts following the satisfactory negotiation of detailed terms and conditions

## Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

No

## Reason(s) for decision:

The adult social care transformation programme's success is crucial to improving the outcomes for vulnerable people in Kent and the delivery of significant council savings.

In order to successfully reduce spend in adult social care, whilst simultaneously improving outcomes for vulnerable people in Kent, we will need to work with stakeholders to redesign Kent's adult social care system and maximise the efficiency within it.

- Transforming social care will be a complex and time consuming task – taking at least 4 years. This change programme will be resource intensive and require KCC to transform the business, whilst simultaneously ensuring we continue to meet our statutory duties.
- The complexity of improving outcomes for vulnerable people in Kent, building a sustainable social care market which is fit for the future, whilst simultaneously working within reduced budgets is a huge challenge. KCC intends to reduce the risks associated with managing a programme of this size and complexity by: a) using a consultancy with enough capacity to support our programme; b) using a consultancy with a high level of expertise and with experience in implementing similar programmes elsewhere.
- Without a transformation and efficiency partner KCC's ability to transform adult social care will be severely hindered.

## Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee considered the proposed decision at its meeting on 21 March 2013 and the following is the draft open minute of the discussion:

1. The Committee had an extensive debate of the issue and made a number of comments on it. Officers responded to questions of detail.
2. The Cabinet Member, Mr Gibbens, acknowledged and responded to comments made by Members in debate.
3. The recommendation in the report, that Members endorse the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member, was then put to the vote.

*Carried, 6 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions*

4. It was RESOLVED that:-

- a) the information set out in the report and given in response to Members' comments and questions be noted; and
- b) the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to identify the preferred bidder, to agree the award of the contract to that bidder as FSC adult transformation and efficiency partner, and to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Families and Social Care, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to enter into the necessary contracts, following the satisfactory negotiation of detailed terms and conditions, be endorsed, taking account of the views expressed and comments made in debate, set out above.

The Committee also had discussions from which the press and public were excluded and a minute exempt from publication has been produced. The Leader has had regard for the comments made within it when taking the decision.

**Any alternatives considered:**

The report considers managing and implementing the transformation programme with resources available in-house but concludes that there is not the capacity currently available. Recruiting employees to fulfil such roles would be a lengthy process thereby risking the programme and associated benefits for clients and savings for the council.

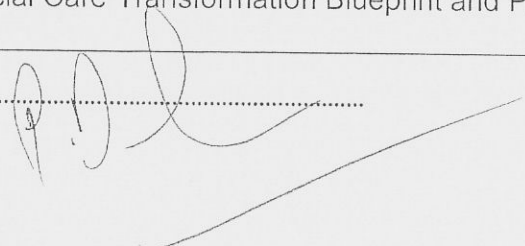
**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

**Background Documents:**

Adult Social Care Transformation Blueprint and Preparation Plan, May 2012

signed



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