

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TAKEN BY

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

## DECISION NO.

13/00066

*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:

**TRACS service transfer to a community based service model**

## Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Older People's Services (including Public Health), I have:

- a) NOTED the pre-consultation work undertaken to develop community capacity in Dartford Town Centre.
- b) CONSIDERED the feedback gained during consultation and from the Social Care & Public Health Cabinet Committee.
- c) APPROVED the transfer to a more inclusive, accessible community based service.

## 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.

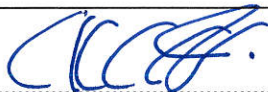
In line with services in other districts, TRACS has increased the community inclusion of its service users for a number of years. This has included investment in the Cascades Leisure Centre, The Cyclopark, Wheels for All and the Fairfield Pool. Additionally stronger links have been built with Adult Education, Libraries, Community Centres and Voluntary Groups.

This process has increased the presence and engagement of people with learning disabilities in their local communities. Formal consultation has confirmed that service users and their families broadly support this move which provides additional capacity to support people with additional needs.

**Background Documents:**

Report by the Corporate Director, Families and Social Care: Outcome of Outcome of formal consultation on the closure/variation of Service of TRACS Community Day Service, Longfield, Dartford

Better Days for people with learning disabilities in Kent.



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signed

22 OCTOBER 2013

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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			