

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

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

## DECISION NO.

14/00008

*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: :** Gravesend Social Education Centre

### Decision:

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

To the refurbishment of the Gravesend SEC and further development of community opportunities, subject to

- i) No changes to the service will be made until after replacements are up and running.
- ii) The refurbishment being done so that the parts used by adults with learning disabilities are refurbished in the first phase.

### 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" White Paper (January 2009) and KCC's "Active Lives". This is underpinned by the "The Good Day Programme – Better Days for People with Learning Disabilities across Kent", which will ensure people have a wider range of choice, more control and equality of opportunity so that they may lead a full and meaningful person centred life.

Gravesend SEC (GSEC) will be improved and modernised due its location and well established links with the community. Additionally, the co-location of the LD Care Management Team as part of the council's New Ways of Working Programme will strengthen professional support. This will enable an improved and more community-based service to be provided for GSEC service users.

### Background Documents:

Better Days for people with learning disabilities in Kent

### Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Formal consultation with service users, carers and staff took place 20 January – 28 February 2014 and local members and opposition groups were briefed during this. Consultation strongly supported the proposed refurbishment.

The 12 June 2014 Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee considered the recommendation report and proposed decision. In response to a local member's query, officers confirmed that concerns about parking and mature trees had been addressed with a proposed reconfiguration of the car park. Additionally the Cabinet Member gave the assurance that no changes to services

would be made until replacements were up and running. The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee then endorsed the proposed decision.

**Any alternatives considered:**

The only alternative is to maintain the current day centre model.

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

None



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signed

16 JUNE 2014  
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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			