

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Graham Gibbens
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

14/00083

For publication**Subject:**

Home Support Fund Policy for Major Adaptations

Decision:

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

- i) The Home Support Fund Policy for Major Adaptations, as set out in the accompanying report and appendix.
- ii) Delegate authority to implement the policy to the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing or other suitably nominated officer.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Home Support Fund plays a crucial role in helping the most vulnerable individuals in Kent remain in their own home and reduces the need for nursing/residential care. The revised policy:

- Creates a single policy for children and adults across Kent.
- Provides consistency of application of the policy between adults and children
- Provides clear guidance for staff, partner agencies, individuals and their families.
- Is clear about the amount of funds available and any legal process that may apply.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The 11 July 2014 Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee considered the proposed policy and recommendation. The committee endorsed the proposed decision to agree the new policy.

Any alternatives considered:

Alternatives considered were:

1. To maintain status quo of existing policies, however this does not address the differences between the current Children's and Adults' policies.
2. Introduce a tapered legal charge in adult services to match that of children services, however this would impact on the income to KCC as there would be no return on the investment.

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

None



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signed

30 JULY 2014

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date