

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

15/00015

For publication or exempt – For Publication

Key decision

Key decision as the value of the Section 75 agreement exceeds £1m and that it affects more than two electoral divisions

Subject: **BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) SECTION 75 AGREEMENT**

Decision:

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health will be asked to:

- a) **AGREE** that Kent County Council will enter into a Section 75 agreement with the Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups, which will formalise the implementation of the Better Care Fund and establish the required pooled fund.
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director - Social Care, Health and Wellbeing or other suitable delegated officer to arrange sealing of the Section 75 agreement.

Reason(s) for decision:

- Supports Health and Social Integration – the Section 75 agreement will allow the pooled fund to be established and in turn, the integration plans under the BCF to proceed. The BCF Plan has been approved and the pooled fund is required to ensure these funds are available for 1st April 2015.
- Care Act Implementation – the Section 75 agreement will enable funding to support the implementation of the Care Act, in line with corporate objectives and national policy.
- Supports the Kent Vision as a national Integration Pioneer – to put the citizen at the centre with services wrapped around what's important to them.
- Supports Adult Social Care Transformation through facilitating partnership working and joint commissioning of health and social services across the Kent health economy.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Updates have been provided to the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee in December 2013 and September 2014.

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 3 March 2015 and the outcome of this included in the decision paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Public consultation was under taken between February 2014 and March 2014.
Any alternatives considered: National strategy requires the Better Care Fund to be delivered via a pooled budget, which requires a Section 75 agreement.
Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date