

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Graham Gibbens
Cabinet for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

16/00098

For publication

Key decision*

Affects all Electoral Divisions in the county and the decision will shape the total expenditure and savings programmes in adult social care.

Subject: Your life, your well-being a vision and strategy for adult social care 2016 - 2021

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

- a) **Approve** Your life, your well-being as the vision and strategy for adult social care from 2016 to 2021 and the supporting Accommodation Strategy for Adult Social Care and the Community Support Market Position Statement;
- b) **Delegate** authority to the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer to refresh and/or make revisions as appropriate to the above documents during their lifetime; and
- c) **Delegate** authority to the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

Demand for care and support is increasing which is making finances come under pressure. At the same time, public expectations are changing; people want a life, not a service. Adult social care needs to continue to respond to these challenges, and the new strategy sets out how we will do this. The five-year strategy explains our plans for the future and it provides the basis for health and social care integration which is in progress and aims to deliver more person-centred care and support for people.

The strategy breaks the approach to adult social care into three key themes. These are:

- Promoting wellbeing – supporting and encouraging people to look after their health and wellbeing to avoid or delay them needing adult social care;
- Promoting independence – providing short-term support so that people are then able to carry on with their lives as independently as possible, and;
- Supporting independence – for people who need ongoing social care support, helping them to live the life they want to live, in their own homes where possible, and do as much for themselves as they can.

Four 'building blocks' support the above themes. They are, ensuring effective protection for people (safeguarding), developing a flexible workforce, smarter commissioning and improving the way we work with key partners.

The strategy will be delivered through the next phase of the transformation programme journey that we are already on. The details of how we will deliver it will be set out in an implementation plan which is being developed. In summary, this will include activity over the next 18 months around the following:

- **Assessment** - this involves investigating the current delivery model and assessing against the proposed alternatives, supported by best practice. It means confirming the expected financial

benefits and the changes needed to achieve the benefits. It also involves developing options to inform the next stage;

- Design – this means testing changes in specific areas and refining the expected financial benefits and, before putting into practice across the county;
- Implementation - this means putting changes into practice across Kent and monitoring the benefits and making sure that performance is consistent.

Legal Implications

KCC is obliged to fulfil its statutory responsibilities as set out in the Care Act 2014 and the associated statutory regulations and guidance alongside a number of relevant legislation such as the Mental Capacity Act 2005, Mental Health Act 1983.

Equality Implications

We have adhered to KCC’s legal obligations as defined in the Equality Act 2010 and KCC’s Equality and Diversity Objectives 2016 -2020. An equality impact assessment has been completed which will be taken into account in the decision-making.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 6 December 2016, and the outcome included in the decision paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

KCC has consulted widely on the new strategy which commenced on 30 September 2016 and it closed on 4 November 2016. This included consulting the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 11 October 2016.

Any alternatives considered:

This strategy replaces the previous ‘Active Lives’ strategy which was based on the post-war National Assistance Act legislation. A new strategy based on the Care Act 2014, was required and which also reflect KCC’s ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council’s Strategic Statement 2015-2020’ and the ‘Commissioning Framework for Kent County Council’.

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

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