

## 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:**

16/00096

**For publication**
**Key decision**

Affects more than two electoral divisions

Subject: **Kent and Medway Prisons Drug and Alcohol Services Procurement**

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health will be asked to agree to award the contract for Kent and Medway Prisons to the successful bidder, following the conclusion of the procurement process.

The Kent and Medway Prisons Substance Misuse Service is funded by NHS England via a Service Level Agreement. The current contract is due to end in September 2017 and is unable to be further extended. As such the Kent and Medway Prisons Substance Misuse Service is being re-procured to ensure continued value for money and service provision.

It is anticipated that the tender evaluation will recommend a preferred provider in late April 2017, to allow time for a formal transition (to include Care Quality Commission (CQC) registration, and Home Office Licencing for Controlled drugs) to the new provider on 2nd October 2017.

It was originally expected that a 5 year plus 3 contract would be awarded, however, the funding for this was not agreed and instead a 3 year plus 2 year contract will be let, for which funding has been agreed. The annual value will be £4.65m.

Delays in awarding these contracts could have significant financial implications for KCC and in continuity of care for service users.

Delays to the award of the Kent and Medway Prisons Contract would mean there could be an interruption in service provision.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The commissioning plan and procurement was endorsed at the October 2016 Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee.

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 14 March 2017 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

**Any alternatives considered:**

A competitive tendering process is underway.

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

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