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**To:** Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee –  
23 November 2017

**Subject:** **OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA CORE OFFER - UPDATE**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Decision Number:** 17/00062

**Past Pathway of Paper:** Adult Social Care Portfolio Board – 26 April and 28 June 2017  
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Commissioning Advisory Board – 14 July 2017  
Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 20 July and 29 September 2017

**Future Pathway of Paper:** N/A

**Electoral Division:** All

**Summary:** This paper provides an update regarding the proposal to end current funding arrangements and commission a new community based well-being service for Older People and People Living with Dementia. This proposal was previously discussed at Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 20 July 2017 during the public consultation period and a verbal update was provided on 29 September 2017.

**Recommendation:** The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** the outcome of the public consultation and **COMMENT** on the proposal to align the Older People and People Living with Dementia Core Offer with the commissioning exercises as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper provides an update to Committee members on the proposal to commission a core offer of community based wellbeing services for Older People and People Living with Dementia.
- 1.2 This item was previously discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 20 July 2017 and Members' comments were considered as part of the feedback during the Public Consultation process. A verbal update was provided by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care on 29 September 2017 in relation to changes to the previous timetable.

1.3 The budget for the core offer would be made up from a range of historic annual grants to the voluntary and community sector, as listed in Appendix 1.

## **2. Financial Implications**

2.1 The Council currently invests £5,424,260 in a range grants for older people and people living with Dementia. This funding is part of a wider circa. £15m spend to the voluntary and community sector by Adult Social Care.

2.2 There is a proposal, included in the Council budget proposal, to save £1m from the £15m voluntary sector budget. This saving has been compounded by a £238k de-badging of Public Health money for befriending services. Therefore, due to the budget position of the Council, a saving of £1.238m is required for 2018-19.

2.5 Under the original core offer proposal, the total value of the current older people and people living with dementia related grants would be used to fund the new contract. However, the savings required now means that the value of the contract will need be reduced in comparison to the historic grant spend.

## **3. Policy Framework**

3.1 The proposal enables the Council to meet its obligations to promote wellbeing detailed in:

- The Care Act (2014)
- Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council's Strategic Statement 2015-2020
- Your Life, Your Wellbeing: Kent County Council's strategy for Adult Social Care (2016-2021)

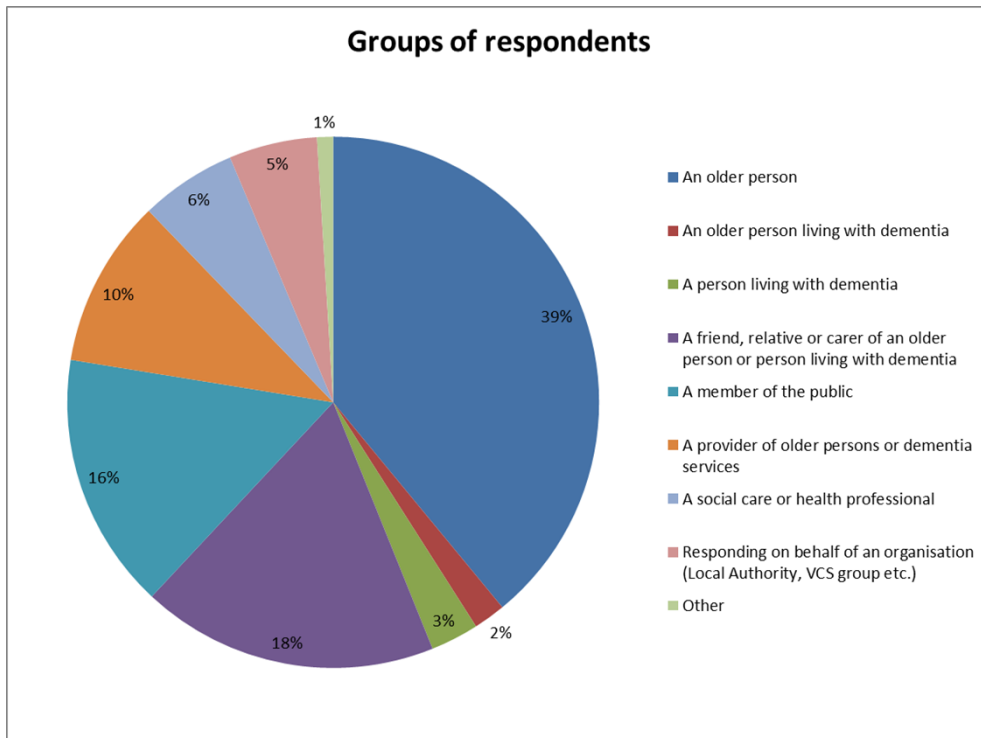
3.2 The Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Policy describes its relationship with the sector, including setting out a consistent approach to the use of grant funding. This includes specific guidance that "grant funding is not used for the delivery of services that should be provided under contract." Adult Social Care has been directed to end historic grant funding arrangements in order to comply with this policy.

## **4. Public Consultation**

4.1 Following extensive pre-consultation engagement, the proposal was open for Public Consultation for a six week period between 12 June and 23 July 2017.

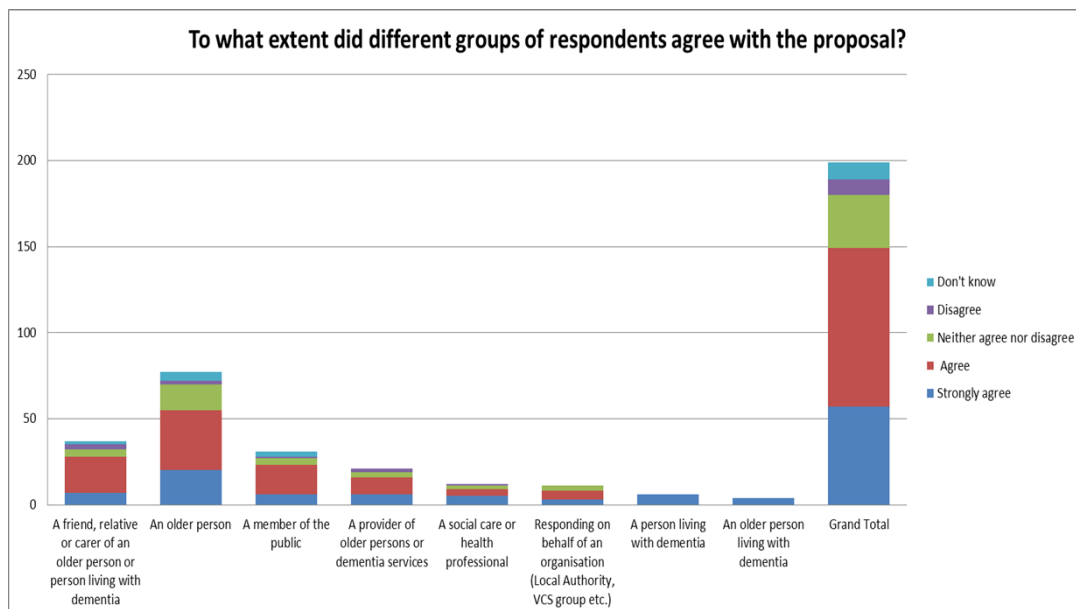
4.2 In total 205 responses were received of these, 160 were received electronically and 45 were in hard copy.

4.3 The largest group of respondents were older people with 39% (80) responses coming from this group. At 18% carers, friends and relatives comprised the next largest group of respondents.



4.4 There was overall support for the proposal with 73% of people either agreeing (46%) or strongly agreeing (27%).

4.5 There was a majority in agreement with the proposal across all of the different respondent groups.



4.6 In regards to the personal outcomes for the contract, there was a majority of people who agreed with each of the proposals as outlined below.

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Information and Advice	27%	29%	13%	20%	8%	2%
My Community	25%	34%	22%	11%	4%	4%
My Care	27%	29%	20%	11%	6%	6%
My Health	28%	34%	21%	7%	6%	5%

- 4.7 The Public Consultation full report is attached as Appendix 2. It includes comments made by individuals, the themes that emerged throughout the consultation and actions taken thus far as a result.
- 4.8 The findings of Public Consultation were presented to Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care on 30 August 2017.
- 4.9 At this time, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care determined that it was necessary to pause progression of the project in order to more fully understand the budget position of the Council and the impact that savings might have on the proposal. This was communicated at a market engagement event held on 11 September 2017.
- 4.10 This delay would have resulted in an Executive Decision needing to be taken in December 2017 with a view to the contract beginning on 1 October 2018.
- 4.11 On 23 September 2017, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care provided a verbal update regarding the proposed decision. However, since that time, the budget position, savings targets and impact on the proposed model have become clearer. This includes the recognition that changes to the budget of the contract would constitute a change from the original proposal to such a degree that further public consultation would be necessary, meaning that the revised timeline as set out in section 4.10 would no longer be achievable.

## **5. New Proposal**

- 5.1 Given the level of savings and the already delayed timescale, a new proposal is being considered regarding a number of simultaneous commissioning exercises. Considering these commissioning exercises alongside each other will improve pathways and ensure people get the right support at the right time as well as ensure the Council can reduce duplication and look for efficiencies in delivery.
- 5.2 The proposal necessitates extending the pause placed on the Older People and People Living with Dementia Core Offer by a further six months and aligning it with the following commissioning exercises:
- Physical Disability Core Offer
  - Recommissioning of Kent's Carers Services
  - Commissioning of Sensory Services

- 5.3 All of the above commissioning exercises are in essence about supporting people's wellbeing, resilience and independence. They are crucial to demand management within Adult Social Care, supporting people to live fulfilled and independent lives without the need to enter the health or social care system.
- 5.4 In addition, an extension to the current timelines would provide further opportunity to engage with Kent's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), and District and Borough Councils to explore further opportunities for joint commissioning.

## 6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The proposal to end existing historic grant agreements and recommission community based services for older people and people living with dementia has been put out for public consultation. This consultation closed on 23 July 2017, and included consideration of the proposal by this Committee on 20 July 2017.
- 6.2 The majority of respondents to the consultation agreed the proposal and the personal outcomes identified in the proposal. The proposal and service specification have been updated to reflect the findings of the consultation.
- 6.3 Since that time the financial position of the Council has become clearer and a savings target of £1.238m has been placed against the £15m Adult Social Care voluntary sector budget. As a result, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care agreed to defer the Executive Decision regarding this contract for a three month period until December 2017, in order to fully consider the impact on the proposal of the financial position.
- 6.4 Given the impact on the value of the older people and people living with dementia core offer contract further public consultation will be required which means the previous timeline is no longer viable.

## 7. Recommendation

7.1 Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** the outcome of the public consultation and **COMMENT** on the proposal to align the Older People and People Living with Dementia Core Offer with the commissioning exercises as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

## 8. Background Documents

Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 20 July 2017

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=896&MId=7749&Ver=4>

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