

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

18/00055

For publication**Key decision**

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions and expenditure of more than £1m

Subject: DIRECT PAYMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

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

- a) **PROCURE** a new contract for the Direct Payment Support Service; and
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision: The option for families with a disabled child to choose to receive a direct payment in lieu of a provided service was given by The Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000. To support families and children in the management of direct payments, the County Council commissions a Direct Payment Support Service. The service was competitively tendered in 2016. The contract is due to expire on 31 March 2019 and there is no scope to further extend the contract. There is a need to procure a new service to ensure support continues.

Financial Implications: The maximum available budget is £1.7m over the five-year term of the contract although the exact contract value will be determined through the competitive tendering process. The on-going commissioning and contract management process will ensure that KCC maximises the return on this investment.

Legal Implications: Direct payments for parents of disabled children is a statutory duty under the Children Act 1989 as amended by Sections 17A (inserted by the Health and Social Care Act 2001) and 17B (inserted by the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000).

Equality Implications: None

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 27 September 2018 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Any alternatives considered: None

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