

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

18/00042

For publication

Non-Key

Subject: Local Account for Kent Adult Social Care (April 2017 to March 2018)

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I **APPROVE** the Local Account for Kent Adult Social Care (April 2017 – March 2018).

Reason(s) for decision: With the withdrawal of external inspection of the Council's performance in Adult Social Care, there is now more emphasis on councils to manage their own performance, work collaboratively with the sector to improve performance and outcomes and explain how they have performed to local residents. The Local Account has emerged as a standard feature of the new local accountability framework.

Financial Implications: The proposed development of the Local Account does not include savings targets, however a key objective when developing the brochure and our user engagement approach has been the consideration of how to enhance value for money from a Council perspective utilising wherever possible existing forums or approaches already in place across the Directorate or working in conjunction with existing partners to minimise costs. There will be a cost implication to the production and distribution of the Local Account; however these will be managed within the budget planning forecasts for the Unit, i.e. ongoing production of the Local Account.

Legal Implications

None.

Equality Implications

None.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 27 September 2018. Steph Smith (Head of Performance and Information Management) and Toni Easdown (Project Officer) were in attendance for this item.

1. Steph Smith introduced the report which set out the development of the Local Account for Adult Social Care (April 2017 – March 2018) and summarised engagement activities undertaken to date across Adult Social Care and outlined how user engagement feedback from these activities had informed the development of the Local Account for 2017-2018.
 - a) In response to a question, Steph Smith said that whilst the Care Quality Commission did inspect Kent County Council's service provision, they no longer inspected Kent County Council's social care departments.
2. **RESOLVED** that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to consider the Local Account document– 'Here for you, how did we do?' (April 2017 – March 2018) and endorse the document as the final version, be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

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



signed

29 OCTOBER 2018

date