

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

18/00050

For publication**Key decision**

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

Subject: SHARED SUPPORTED LIVING ELEMENT OF THE SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE SERVICE

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

- a) **APPROVE** the extension of the Shared Supported Living Services under the Supporting Independence Services Contract for 11 months, allowing for a phased inclusion in the Care and Support in the Home Service Contract.
- 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: Supported Living (or Supported Accommodation) describes the arrangement whereby someone who already has, or who wants their own tenancy or own home, within a property where there is the possibility of support being shared by the tenants. The tenant will be supported by a "Care and Support" Provider to help them live as independently and safely as possible. They will receive support and help with any aspects that are required to live an ordinary life as possible, such as managing money, cooking, getting a job etc. To approve the extension of the Shared Supported Living Services under the Supporting Independence Services Contract for 11 months will allow for a phased inclusion in the Care and Support in the Home Contract. A phased approach will enable the Council to fully analyse and develop solutions to achieve key milestones throughout the life of the new Care and Support in the Home Contract. This will further enable flexible ways of working and ensure a fair and equitable base for Providers to demonstrate deliver of a quality Service.

Financial Implications: The current spend in relation to Supported Living services is circa £38m. This Service will be subject to an annual fee awards process, at the commencement of the 19/20 financial year. This pressure will be met from the Council's Pay and Prices budget allocation, to be agreed through budget setting.

Legal Implications: The main legislative framework for the Supported Living Service is the Care Act 2014, and the principles of Mental Capacity Act 2005. These are statutory duties, and the Supported Living Service will be compliant with both pieces of legislation.

Equality Implications: The intention is for the Supported Living Service to be included in the Care and Support in the Home Contract after the extension period. An existing EqIA is in place and the Care and Support in the Home EqIA will be updated as the work to include new elements within the Contract is undertaken.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 27 September 2018. Jack Moss (Senior Commissioning Manager) was in attendance for this item.

1. Jack Moss introduced the report and described the Shared supported Living arrangement whereby someone who already had, or who wanted to have their own tenancy or own home, within a property where there was the possibility of support being shared by the tenants. The

tenant would be supported by a "care and support" provider to help them to live as independently and safely as possible.

- (a) In response to a question, Jack Moss said that a figure within the report had been removed due to modelling work.
- (b) In response to a question, Jack Moss said community-based services were chargeable, providing they did not fall within the enablement provision.
- (c) In response to a question, Penny Southern said that the majority of individuals that would benefit from the support services were people with very complex needs. She said that if support was provided in the most appropriate way, admissions into acute hospitals could be reduced.

2. Mr Gibbens talked about the importance of carers and young carers. He said that a major challenge was around people that were caring for relatives that did not make themselves known, and therefore they were much harder to reach out to and support. He said that work had been undertaken with CCG's and GP partners to carry out as much work as possible to target and support hidden carers and address issues around the social isolation and loneliness of carers.

- (d) In response to a question relating to the equalities impact assessment, Jack Moss said that last year, the grant was changed for a number of Kent County Council's carers organisations into a contract which enabled greater collection of data.
- (e) Michael Thomas-Sam said that the government had recently published a Carers Action Plan which would be reflected in the Adult Social Care Green Paper, but also as part of the integration around the NHS plan.

3. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to

- a) approve the extension of the Shared Supported Living Services and 24-Hour Care and Support under the Supporting Independence Services Contract for 11 months, allowing for a phased inclusion in the Care and Support in the Home Contract; 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,

be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

Do nothing - allow the current commissioned services to terminate when Contracts come to an end in June 2019. The main risks of this approach are;

- The Authority will fail in its duty under the Care Act 2014 in carrying out a care and support function;
- Older and vulnerable residents with assessed needs will be left unsupported, leading to potential safeguarding concerns;
- Judicial review of the lawfulness of the Authority's decision
- Reputational damage to the Local Authority

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



signed

29 October 2018

date