KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	DECISION NO: 19/00005

For publication

Key decision Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: ASSESSMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I propose to:
a) **IMPLEMENT** a new arrangement for the provision of statutory assessment and rehabilitation services for sight impaired adults, assessment and habilitation for sight impaired children and statutory equipment assessment and rehabilitation for hearing impaired older adults aged 65 years and over; and
b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, the undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision: Kent County Council has a statutory responsibility under The Care Act (2014) to meet peoples assessed eligible needs, this includes specific duties related to people with sensory impairments. The proposal to implement new arrangements for the provision of these statutory assessment and rehabilitation services will allow for the development of a sensory operating model that is flexible, improves outcomes for people with sensory impairments and that can be aligned with other pathways across Adult Social Care and Health.

Financial Implications: Spend within the current contract is £1,162,472 per year

Legal Implications: Kent County Council has a statutory responsibility under The Care Act (2014) to meet peoples assessed eligible needs, this includes specific duties related to people with sensory impairments.

Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 22 January 2019 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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date