

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mike Hill

Cabinet Member for Community & Regulatory Services

DECISION NO:

19/00018

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Coroners Removal and Transfer Contracts

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Community & Regulatory Services, I agree to:

- award contracts for coroners' body removals and body transfers for the period 23 May 2019 to 22 May 2022 with the option to extend the contracts for two further one-year terms to 22 May 2023 and 22 May 2024; and
- delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services to conclude the contracts for coroners' body removals and body transfers for the Kent and Medway coroner areas for the period 23 May 2019 to 22 May 2022 with the option to extend the contracts for two further one year terms to 22 May 2023 and 22 May 2024.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Coroners and Justice Act 2009 places a duty on Coroners to investigate deaths that are referred to them if they have reason to think that:

- The death was violent or unnatural;
- The cause of death is unknown; or
- The deceased died while in prison, police custody or another form of state detention e.g. where a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard Order (DoLS) is in place

KCC enables the Kent and Medway Senior Coroners to discharge their roles by ensuring contracts are in place for body removals and body transfers to ensure the Senior Coroners are able to discharge their statutory duties in accordance with the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Market engagement through Service and KCC's Strategic Commissioning Team

The decision will be considered at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 19 March 2019.

Any alternatives considered:

N/A – statutory service

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

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