

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

19/00062

For publication

Non-Key

Subject: Local Account for Kent Adult Social Care (April 2018 to March 2019)

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I **APPROVE** the Local Account for Kent Adult Social Care (April 2018 – March 2019).

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 2019:

Ms Easdown (Customer Experience Officer, Adult Social Care Business Delivery Unit) and Mr Mort (Customer Care and Operations Manager) were in attendance for this item.

1. Mr Mort introduced the report which provided the Committee with an update on the development of the Local Account for Adult Social Care (April 2018 – March 2019). The report summarised involvement/engagement activities undertaken to date across Adult Social Care and outlined the way in which user engagement feedback from the activities had informed the development/content of the Local Account for 2018-2019.

Officers then responded to comments and questions from Members, including the following: -

- a) Mr Mort confirmed that information relating to integrated services and user consultation involvement would be key features in the Local Account report for 2019-20.
- b) Ms Southern referred to Adult Social Care's key priorities for 2020 and said that there would be a greater focus on supporting carers and enhancing the voice of carers.

c) Ms Easdown confirmed that the Local Account 2018-19 would be available on the Council's website by October 2019 and would be circulated to all Members.

2. The Chairman thanked the officers for their hard work and input into the Local Account 2018-19 document and suggested that it be submitted to full Council, Mrs Bell, Mrs Southern and Members supported this.

3. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to approve the Local Account document- 'Here for you, how did we do?' (April 2018 – March 2019) as the final version, be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered: None

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

Cen Bell

signed

3rd October 2019

date