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To: Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 14 July 2020

Subject: **Decisions Summary Report – For Information**

Classification: Unrestricted

Previous Pathway of Paper: Adult Social Care and Health Directorate Management Team – 1 July 2020

Future Pathway of Paper: None

Electoral Division: All

Summary: This information report summarises the decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health during the temporary suspension of Cabinet Committee meetings during the COVID19 pandemic.

Recommendation(s): The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In the absence of Cabinet Committees, revised arrangements were put in place for taking key decisions remotely.
- 1.2 To ensure Members were engaged with decision-making, the new arrangements included a Pre-PROD (Proposed Record of Decision) stage in addition to existing decision-making stages.
- 1.3 Following publication of the Forthcoming Executive Decisions summary on the KCC website, under the Pre-PROD stage, a confidential draft decision report and PROD was emailed to relevant Cabinet Committee members asking for comments and questions. Any feedback would be shared with the Cabinet Member for consideration.
- 1.4 The final draft decision report and PROD was then published on the KCC website and emailed to relevant Cabinet Committee members asking again for comments and questions to be shared with the Cabinet Member for consideration before the Record of Decision was published. Once published, the decision was subject to a call-in period of five working days before it could be implemented. This is in-line with the decision-making procedures as set out in the KCC Constitution.

1.5 In April, the government passed emergency legislation which allowed local authorities to hold virtual meetings. After testing technology to ensure the meetings could run smoothly, Cabinet Committee briefings were organised for June. The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee briefing was held on 5 June 2020 when a summary of decisions taken or in progress was reported.

2. Decision Summary

2.1 Following further consideration of the governance and meeting arrangements by the Monitoring Officer, formal Cabinet Committee meetings have resumed from 1 July 2020.

2.2 In the period that the Cabinet Committee was suspended the following decisions have been taken:

- 20/00041 – Support for Community Based Wellbeing Providers was taken as an urgent decision on 7 April 2020
- 20/00042 – Integrated Digital Assistive Technology Solution was taken as an urgent decision on 7 April 2020
- 20/00043 – Community Based Wellbeing Services Procurement was taken as an urgent decision on 7 April 2020
- 20/00044 – COVID-19 Block Beds for Older Persons Residential Nursing was taken as an urgent decision on 9 April 2020.
- 20/00049 – Social Providers – Additional Payments was taken as an urgent decision on 24 April 2020.
- 20/00061 - Infection Control Fund was taken as an urgent decision on 12 June 2020
- 20/00031 Care and Support in the Home Service was taken under the Pre-PROD process on 5 June 2020
- 20/00030 – Residential Care for People with Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Mental Health Needs was taken under the Pre-PROD process on 5 June 2020

3. Recommendation

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4. Background Documents

20/00041 – Support for Community Based Wellbeing Providers
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2335>

20/00042 – Integrated Digital Assistive Technology Solution
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2336>

20/00043 – Community Based Wellbeing Services Procurement and Grants
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2337>

20/00044 – COVID-19 Block Beds for Older Persons Residential and Nursing
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2338>

20/00049 – Additional Payments to Adult Social Care Providers
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2339>

20/00061 - Infection Control Fund
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2358>

20/00031 - Care in the Home Service
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2355>

20/00030 - Residential Care for People with Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Mental Health Needs
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2354>

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