

From: Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

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To: Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 29 September 2020

Subject: **DECISIONS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING CYCLE**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: The attached decision was taken between meetings as they could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee for the reason set out below.

Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** that the following decision has been taken in accordance with the process as set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.35 of the Constitution:

20/00084 S75 Partnership Agreement Variation – COVID 19 Hospital Discharges and Out of Hospital Work

1. Introduction

1.1 In accordance with the council's governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.

1.2 For the reason set out below it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet. Therefore, in accordance with process as set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.35 of the Constitution, the following decision was taken and published to all Members of this Cabinet Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Decision

2.1 20/00084 S75 Partnership Agreement Variation – COVID 19 Hospital Discharges and Out of Hospital Work

As part of the NHS and wider public sector's response to the global Covid-19 pandemic the Government issued the Covid-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements (the "Discharge Requirements") which took effect on 19 March 2020. The Discharge Requirements have been introduced to ensure that where it is clinically safe to discharge patients from an acute or community hospital those patients are discharged in accordance with the new 'Discharge to Assess' model.

To enable the Council to reclaim the costs associated with avoiding hospital admission and enabling hospital discharge, as part of the Council's response to Covid 19 in support of the NHS, the Covid-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements funding for the NHS requires the Council to establish a pooled budget before any costs can be reclaimed.

This decision was originally intended to be taken as an urgent decision – with the reason for urgency published in the original FED as –“To allow KCC to reclaim the maximum amount of money from the Covid-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements, to cover already incurred costs, via the S75 pooled budget arrangements. KCC will host the pooled budget.”

As the finalisation of the agreement has taken a little longer than originally anticipated, the FED publication has past the 28 day period and this decision can be taken on the normal timescales, however there is still an element of urgency to the timing of getting the funding in, and waiting to next committee on 29 September would not have been possible.

3. Recommendation

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4. Background documents

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