

From: Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
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To: Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 31 March 2022

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

Classification: For Information Only

Summary: The following decision was taken between meetings as it 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:

22/00019 – Kara Contract Extension

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 22/00019 – Kara Contract Extension

The Kara Service has been live since March 2020 and was initially introduced to support people through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Although initially provided as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, there are benefits to people using the Kara Service as part of their daily routine with it moving into a resource for social care professionals to harness when meeting a person's unmet eligible needs.

The future vision for the Kara Service is for it to become part of the wider Technology Enabled Care offer, which is being tested in March 2022 for 1 year. Pending the outcome of the pilot, it is expected that a full countywide offer will be put in place in March 2023.

The current Kara contract is scheduled to come to an end on 31 March 2022 and therefore a decision on next steps needs to be taken prior to the contract end date.

Due to the timing of the March meeting of the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee it was not possible for the decision to be presented for consideration by members of the committee.

3. Recommendation

3.1 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:

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4. Background documents

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