

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

**Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for
Community and Regulatory Services**

19/00055

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Contract for Coroners' Post-Mortem Examinations, North West Kent Coroners Area

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for, Community and Regulatory Services, I agree to award a four-year contract to Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW) for the provision of post mortem (PM) facilities at Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury for the Mid Kent & Medway coroner area.

Reason(s) for decision:

Coroners are independent judicial office holders, appointed by the local authority within the coroner area. Local authorities have a legal obligation to support the work of coroners, to fund all the costs of the service and to provide the necessary resources to enable them to carry out their statutory obligations under the Coroners and Justice Act 2009. This includes the provision of contractual arrangements for mortuary and PME services.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision and principles for future charging is being discussed at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 16 July

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

None

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