

From: Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
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To: Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 28 September 2022

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

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: The following decisions have been 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 Cabinet Committee is asked to note that the following decisions have been taken in accordance with the process in Part 2 paragraph 12.36 of the Constitution:

22/00075 - Kent Homeless Connect Service - Termination of the Service
22/00076 - Kent Homeless Connect Service - Funding of Transition Phase Through Reserves

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 these decisions to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to being taken by the Cabinet Member. Therefore, in accordance with process set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.36 of the Constitution, the following decisions have been taken and published to all Members.

2. Decisions

2.1 22/00075 - Kent Homeless Connect Service - Termination of the Service

- 2.1.1 The Kent Homeless Connect (KHC) service was commissioned by the Council in October 2018 to support adults who are facing homelessness. To meet the financial challenge posed by the budget this year and in years to come, the

Council's budget, agreed on 10 February 2022, included the proposal to allow the service to end when the contract expires on 30 September 2022.

2.1.2 Due to the timing of the September 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 as a decision on next steps needed to be taken prior to the contract end date.

2.1.3 After this date, the Council agreed to provide protection funding, drawn from its reserves, to ensure continued support for people who use the service for at least the remainder of the financial year (2022/2023) whilst transitional plans are drawn up with city, district and borough authorities and other stakeholders, in order that alternative arrangements for support in the future can be put in place.

2.1.4 This decision should be read alongside decision 22/00076 (Kent Homeless Connect Service - funding of transition phase through reserves) which proposes to transfer £4,563k from the Council's reserves to fund the transition period

2.2 22/00076 - Kent Homeless Connect Service - Funding of Transition Phase Through Reserves

2.2.1 The Kent Homeless Connect (KHC) service was commissioned by the Council in October 2018 to support adults who are facing homelessness. To meet the financial challenge posed by the budget this year and in years to come, the Council's budget, agreed on 10 February 2022, included the proposal to allow the service to end when the contract expires on 30 September 2022.

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2.2.4 This decision was taken by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, it is being reported to the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee as the decision should be read alongside decision 22/00075 (Kent Homeless Connect Service - termination of the service) which proposes to end the contract from 30 September 2022 but include a contract variation for a transitional period of up to 18 months.

3. Recommendation

3.1 Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** that the following decisions have been taken in accordance with process set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.30 of the Constitution:

22/00075 - Kent Homeless Connect Service - Termination of the Service
22/00076 - Kent Homeless Connect Service - Funding of Transition Phase Through Reserves

4. Background documents

22/00075 - Kent Homeless Connect Service - Termination of the Service
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2635>

22/00076 – Kent Homeless Connect Service - Funding of Transition Phase Through Reserves
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2636>

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