

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**  
**Peter Oakford**  
**Cabinet Member for Specialist Children’s Services**

**DECISION NO:**  
14/00081

**For publication**

**Subject: Closure of Millbank Reception & Assessment Centre**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children’s Services, I agree to

- 1) The closure of the Millbank Reception & Assessment Centre
- 2) The commissioning of suitable alternative accommodation
- 3) Delegate to the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer, to implement this decision.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

The Millbank Reception Centre is larger than required and recent changes in Home Office funding for to Kent County Council have made it unaffordable.  
Alternative suitable provision can be commissioned within the budget available.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The Children’s Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee is meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to consider the recommendation report and make comments to the Cabinet Member.

Specialist Children’s Service Divisional Management Team and the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing have been consulted and confirm the recommendations in the Award Report.

**Any alternatives considered:**

The alternative to closure is maintaining the current service with its significant underutilisation and lack of funding.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

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signed

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date