

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Graham Gibbens  
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

## DECISION NO:

For publication or exempt – please state

## Key decision

**Subject:** Proposal to work with the market to secure the transfer and sale of the registered care home, Wayfarers, Sandwich as a going concern

## Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I propose to

- a) Secure the sale of the registered care home, Wayfarers, Sandwich and
- b) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

## Reason(s) for decision:

The key drivers behind the proposal to sell this service as a going concern are:

- People are living longer with more complex conditions and they rightly expect more choice in care.
- People wish to remain in their own homes with dignity and expect high quality care.
- Residential care should be in high quality buildings. Our older buildings have reached the end of their useful life.
- Good quality care can be commissioned for less money in the independent sector. Unit costs for in-house services are substantially higher.

## Financial Implications:

There is a requirement to continue to maintain the building and service up to the point of sale.

## Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee Meeting on 14 January 2016 and the outcome of this included in the decision paperwork which the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health will be asked to sign.

Social Care Health and Wellbeing (SCHW) entered into formal consultation on the future of its registered care home at Wayfarers, Sandwich on 28 September 2015. The consultation ran for twelve weeks to 20 December 2015 and followed the agreed protocol on proposals affecting its service provision. On 28 September 2015, SCHW officers met with members of staff, service users and their relatives, trades unions and other key stakeholders to discuss the proposals.

A breakdown of the responses by type and organisation is included in the table below:

Consultation responses from	No. Emails	No. Letters	No. Phone calls	No. online responses	No. complaints	No. petitions	No. alternative
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Relatives	4	3	3	8			
Staff				2			
Wider Public		3		28	1	2	
MPs/ local Members				4			
Organisations	3	2	3				1
Canterbury CCG		1					
Total Number of Responses	7	9	6	42	1	2	1

Two petitions were received against the proposal, one in support of Option 1 - Do Nothing and another in support of Option 2 - invest the building to provide suitable services.

Nine Expression of Interest (EOI) proposals were received from independent sector providers to purchase the home.

All public consultation documents were uploaded onto the KCC Consultations webpage and a dedicated email address created to handle responses.

**Any alternatives considered:**

As part of the preparation to this consultation, consideration was given to seven options including those requested by respondents as “Do Nothing” and “Invest the in the service to secure provision meets the future needs of Older People living in the Sandwich area”.

**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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