

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Graham Gibbens
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

16/00089

For publication**Key decision**

Affects more than two Electoral Divisions

Subject: Community Day Services for People with a Learning Disability and/or a Physical Disability (External)

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health I agree to:

- a) Recommission Community Day Services for people with a Learning Disability and/or Physical Disability (External)
- b) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer, to take the necessary actions to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision: To establish quality standards within the market place and ensure for value for money by aligning cost to quality and the achievement of outcomes for individuals.

Financial Implications: Current spend on day services is £5.5m for people with a Learning Disability and £868k for people with a Physical Disability

Equality Implications: An equality impact assessment has been completed in relation to this proposal with minimal risk of negative impact.

Legal Implications: The open framework is a hybrid procurement model, combining elements of a framework contract and a Dynamic Purchasing System, and is not an established route to market. This could leave the council at risk if the contract is challenged. However, this is deemed to be the best option because it retains individual choice and promotes the stability of the existing market, whilst giving it opportunity to develop. The risk of challenge is considered to be minimal.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 11 October 2016.

Ms S Sheppard, Commissioning Manager, Community Support, was in attendance for this item.

1. Ms Southern introduced the report and, with Ms Sheppard and Mr Lobban, responded to comments and questions from Members, as follows:-

a) it was suggested that the wording in para 2.6 be amended from index-related price increase to annual price increase to clarify how increases would work and how this system would operate;

b) it was confirmed that the open framework for participants in the tendering process would open at intervals of 6, 12, 24 and 36 months and that the paper would be amended to reflect this; and

c) the clarity of the plans for day services was commended and it was suggested that these plans be used as a 'pledge' to people with learning disabilities, in the same way that the County

Council had issued a pledge of services and support it would give to children in its care. It was important also that the County Council's partners, including district and borough councils, should be fully involved in these plans so that service users received a consistent message.

2. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to recommission Community Day Services for people with a Learning Disability and/or Physical Disability (External), and to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer, to take the necessary actions to implement the decision, be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered: None

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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