

Appendix 1 – Table of options considered

	Option	Benefits	Risks
1	Decommission Community Advocacy for people with learning disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve savings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be unable to deliver our statutory responsibilities under the care act • Increase in demand for a service as people reach crisis point • Damage to Kent County Council's reputation for removing a very valued service
2	Re-tender for a new contract for Community Advocacy for people with learning disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could achieve further savings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk that following a new procurement exercise that no further savings will be made • Lack of continuity for current Advocacy clients with change of provider • Expensive procurement exercise that will be resource intensive • Inefficiencies in multiple overheads • More expensive service • Duplicate contract when all other advocacy services are joined within the Kent Advocacy contract
3	Incorporate Community Advocacy for people with a learning disability into the Kent Advocacy Hub Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve savings on a new procurement process which would be expensive • Better contractual management allowing rigorous performance monitoring processes and standards • Avoid current confusion by having a Kent Advocacy Hub that provides all of Kent's Advocacy • Continuity for current Advocacy clients as current provider is a delivery partner of the Kent Advocacy Hub provider • Simpler referral route and access • People supported based on need not client category • Strong commissioning relationship with regular contact with provider 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of failure more acute with fewer contracted organisations