

## Appendix 1 – Table of options considered

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