

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

DECISION NO:
17/00078

For publication

Key decision

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: Physical Disability Wellbeing Core Offer

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I propose to:

- a) **TENDER** for a new contract to deliver an information, advice and peer support service for People with a Physical Disability; and
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to award the contract to the successful organisation.

Reason(s) for decision: The new contract will deliver a range of information, advice and peer support that will promote wellbeing, increase independence and enable people to see advice and support to manage their own independence without relying on the social care system.

Financial Implications: The current spend on Physical Disability grants is £181,053. The plan is to reinvest this whole amount into the new service. This equates to £905,265 over the life of the contract which will be five years, if the two year extension clause is used.

Legal Implications: The new service will be procured through a full competitive tender process.

Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and has been reviewed and updated throughout the consultation and co-production process. The Equality Impact Assessment has highlighted risks around people with disabilities other than physical and under those under the age of 16, who won't be able to access the new service. Respondents to the consultation also raised concerns that this service would not be available to all disabilities. In light of the findings from the Equality Impact Assessment and the consultation we have adapted the scope of the offer and will ensure that the helpline and website is accessible to all. The successful provider will then need to devise a system to identify and signpost to appropriate services.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 29 September 2017 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Public consultation was undertaken between 17 July and 4 September 2017.

Any alternatives considered:

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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date

