# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

#### **DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care **DECISION NO:** 17/00112

### For publication

#### Key

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: The Future of the Independent Living Service

**Decision:** As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and subject to the outcome of formal consultation, I agree to:

- a) REPROVIDE the Independent Living Service through alternative services to meet the current assessed need for those individuals who currently access the service; and
- **b) DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision

**Reason(s) for decision:** Supports the strategic statement to improve lives by ensuring every pound spent is delivering better outcomes for Kent's residents, communities and businesses and the strategic outcome that older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently.

#### Financial Implications:

There would be no direct savings from within in-house provision. All potential savings would be from Commissioning budgets and will be integral to the wider transformation savings targets in the division.

#### **Legal Implications:**

There are no legal implications with the proposed decision.

## **Equality Implications:**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 23 November 2017. Penny Southern introduced the easy-read report which set out the plans for the future direction of the Independent Living Service (ILS), the changes that had been made and how service users would be supported through these changes.

- 1. Graham Gibbens (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care) promoted the easy-read report and said that it would help individuals with learning disabilities. He added that the easy-read reports would be a regular feature of Adult Social Care reporting.
  - a) In response to a question, Sue McGibbon (Change Implementation Officer) said that the Independent Living Service users were from all over Kent.
- 2. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, to agree to re-provide the Independent Living Service through alternative services to meet



the current assessed need for those individuals who currently access the service, be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

None

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

signed

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