

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**  
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

**DECISION NO:**  
17/00131

**For publication**

**Key decision**

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions and expenditure of more than £1m

**Subject: INTERIM CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF CARERS SERVICES**

**Decision:** As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I:

- a) **AGREE** the implementation of Interim contracts for the provision of Carers' Services with Carers Organisation (Carers' Assessment and Support Organisations and Crossroads) which are jointly commissioned with the seven Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, with the option to extend for up to 6 months at the end of that period, to enable continuation of services to meet statutory requirements and to align the Carers Offer with the Wellbeing and Resilience Preventative Offer; 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 and, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care agree to utilise the option to extend the contract at the appropriate time should it be necessary for the successful alignment of services.

**Reason(s) for decision:** Provision of this service is a statutory responsibility; interim contracts need to be put in place to continue the provision of Kent's Carers Services whilst we align arrangements with other preventative services such as the Older Persons Core Offer, the Sensory Offer and the Physical Disability Core Offer to form the Wellbeing and Resilience Preventative Offer.

**Financial Implications:** The value of the proposed interim contract will not exceed £7,402,992 (Adult Social Care spend up to £5,370,606 and Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups spend up to £2,032,386) for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

**Legal Implications:** Provision of this service is a statutory responsibility; interim contracts need to be put in place to continue services whilst we look to align with other preventative services to form the Wellbeing and Resilience Preventative Offer.

**Equality Implications:** None

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:** The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 9 March 2018.

1. Jo Empson (Commissioning Manager - Community Support) introduced the report which set out the commissioning process for services for Adult Carers of Vulnerable Adults for 2018/19.
2. Jo Empson informed the Committee that the recommendation in the report needed to be amended as a contingency measure to allow more time for the retendering process. Mr Gibbens (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care) said he was aware of the amendments to the recommendation and supported the new recommendation.
  - a) In response to a question relating to Clinical Commissioning Groups, Jo Empson reassured Members of the Committee that full agreement had been sought of all Clinical Commissioning Groups to continue funding for 2018/19. Anu Singh (Corporate Director of

Adult Social Care and Health) said that a lot of work had been carried out to ensure that the funding continued for CCG's.

3. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, to

c) agree the implementation of Interim contracts for the provision of Carers' Services with Carers Organisation (Carers' Assessment and Support Organisations and Crossroads) which are jointly commissioned with the seven Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, with the option to extend for up to 6 months at the end of that period, to enable continuation of services to meet statutory requirements and to align the Carers Offer with the Wellbeing and Resilience Preventative Offer; and

d) 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 and, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care agree to utilise the option to extend the contract at the appropriate time should it be necessary for the successful alignment of services

be endorsed.

**Any alternatives considered: None**

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



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signed

13 MARCH 2018

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Date