KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY
Graham Gibbens Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO.
14/00033

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject: Outcome of formal consultation on the closure/variation of Service of Swanley Learning Disability Day Service

Decision:
As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I APPROVE:

(A) To change adult learning disability service in Swanley from the current day centre model to a new community hub based model as outlined in the consultation documentation.

(B) To relocate Swanley adult learning disability day service from its current location in the youth and communities building, The Junction, St. Mary's Road, Swanley to the newly refurbished Swanley Gateway building.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information
Kent County Council's (KCC) modernisation of Day Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities is an integral part of the transformation towards more personalised services reflecting the vision and strategy contained within “Valuing People Now” White Paper (January 2009) and KCC’s “Active Lives”. This is being underpinned by the “The Good Day Programme – Better Days for People with Learning Disabilities across Kent”, Which will ensure people have a wider range of choice, more control and equality of opportunity so that they may lead a full and meaningful person centred life.

Background Documents:
Better Days for people with learning disabilities in Kent

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
Formal consultation with service users, carers and staff took place from 7 Nov 2013 and 31 January 2014 and local members and opposition groups were briefed in January 2014.

Given the consultation evidence of positive support for the proposal and the gap between suitable Cabinet Committees, the decision will be reported retrospectively to the 2 May Adult Social Care & Public Health Cabinet Committee.

Any alternatives considered:
The only alternative is to maintain the current day centre model. This was not popular in the consultation.

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

None

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signed

27 MARCH 2014

date

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