Stakeholder Briefing
Kiln Court, Faversham Re-provision

Following a period of consultation and extensive feedback, a decision was taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health to close Kiln Court in Faversham.

The service will close at the end of August 2016 which means that people need to have vacated the Centre by the end of July. Beds have been secured at Carnalea in Faversham and Lyndhurst in Whitstable with plans to incrementally increase to Canterbury as demand requires. The two permanent residents have moved to alternative homes.

The use of the remaining in-house services for instance Westview in Tenterden and Blackburn Lodge in Sheerness will be considered for people who used the service live in Ashford and Sittingbourne. Provision has been established in Maidstone and spot purchasing may continue to be necessary to fulfil our duty of choice.

These homes will also provide an alternative to the dedicated respite bed which was in use at Kiln Court by the carers’ organisation Crossroads East Kent for people using their community respite services.

We are writing to everyone who has used Kiln Court for respite since April 2015 to inform them of the replacement services. They may contact their case manager to help them to book pre-planned respite at these homes and to support them to make contact or plan a visit.

There will be no change to the financial contribution for individuals as a result of these changes where they have used these services before and there is no change of need. KCC will ensure that, if required, an up to date carers’ assessment will be completed alongside the review of the cared for person.

There is no decision on the future use of the Kiln Court site. The Council is still considering options for the site. Kiln Court has been listed as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011 and such is required to be considered when considering the strategy options, particularly disposal.