

Community, Housing & Environment

18 October 2016

Is the final decision on the recommendations in this report to be made at this meeting?

Yes

KCC Adult Social Care Strategy Consultation

Final Decision-Maker	Community, Housing & Environment Committee
Lead Director or Head of Service	Head of Housing and Community Services
Lead Officer and Report Author	Sarah Ward, Housing and Health Officer
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	Borough

This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

1. The committee endorse the response to the KCC Adult Social Care Strategy consultation (appendix 1).
2. The delegated authority is given to the Head of Housing and Community Services to make suggested amendments before the final consultation response is submitted.

This report relates to the following corporate priorities:

- Keeping the Borough an attractive place for all
- Securing a successful economy across the borough

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Communities, Housing and Environment Committee	18 th October 2016

KCC Adult Social Care Strategy Consultation

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Kent County Council is consulting on a new strategy for adult social care. The strategy explains KCC's vision for how they want adult social care delivered over the next five years.
 - 1.2 Adult social care is there to support people who need help with daily living so they can live as independently as possible in the place of their choice. The care and support that adult social care commissions (arranges or provides) is based on needs assessment of adults (including carers and young people during transition) who are supported using public money or pay for their own service.
 - 1.3 The following report includes Maidstone Borough Council's official response to KCC's Adult Social Care Strategy consultation. The consultation ends Friday 4 November 2016.
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2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It is well known that as a society we are living longer, and, as a result, an increasing number of people have several related needs which need the attention of the health and social care system. Expectations of adult social care are changing; people want a life, not a service. Adult social care in Kent needs to continue to respond to these challenges, in line with the economic climate and the new strategy sets out how Kent County Council plans to do this.
- 2.2 The five year strategy provides the basis for health and social care integration which is in progress and aims to deliver a more person-centred care and support, keep people safe, help people to have choice and control, make sure that there are enough care and support services available and organisations are working in partnership to make better use of resources.
- 2.3 Kent County Council's vision for adult social care is 'to help people to improve or maintain their well-being and to live as independently as possible'. The strategy breaks down their approach to adult social care into three themes that cover the whole range of services provided for people with social care and support needs and their carers:
 - **Promoting well-being** – supporting and encouraging people to look after their health and well-being to avoid or delay them needing adult social care.
 - **Promoting independence** – providing short-term support so that people are then able to carry on with their lives as independently as possible.

- **Supporting independence** – for people who need ongoing social care support, helping them to live the life they want to live, in their own homes where possible, and do as much for themselves as they can.

2.4 As this is a Kent wide strategy, it is not currently clear what services are currently commissioned within the district and how these may be affected as part of the consultation.

3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

3.1 The council can decide not to respond to the consultation on adult social care but to do so would miss the opportunity to represent our residents.

3.2 The council can provide a response on KCC's Adult Social Care Strategy providing feedback on the challenges, opportunities and recommendations for future delivery.

4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The preferred option is contained in paragraph 3.2; the committee should note the consultation response set out in Appendix I ready for submission to Kent County Council.

5. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

5.1 None.

6. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

6.1 Once a decision has been reached as how to respond to the consultation it will then be submitted to Kent County Council prior to the deadline on Friday 4 November 2016.

7. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Impact on Corporate Priorities	Keeping Maidstone Borough an attractive place for all - encouraging good health and wellbeing	Head of Housing and Community Services
Risk Management	Not applicable.	
Financial	Not applicable.	
Staffing	Not applicable.	
Legal	Not applicable.	

Equality Impact Needs Assessment	Not applicable.	
Environmental/Sustainable Development	Not applicable.	
Community Safety	Not applicable.	
Human Rights Act	Not applicable.	
Procurement	Not applicable.	
Asset Management	Not applicable.	

8. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Maidstone Borough Council's Response to Consultation
 - Appendix II: KCC draft Adult Social Care Strategy 2016-2021 'Your life, your well-being'
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