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Gateway 3 Contract Award: Re-Provision of The Napier Unit and Enhanced Care Unit (ECU)

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:

On 2 September 2014, the Cabinet considered a report setting out details of the proposal to take forward the re-provision of the Napier Unit and ECU with Agincare (Rochester Care Home Limited). This report set out the background of the Council's long-standing intention to re-provide the Napier Unit and the Enhanced Care Unit (ECU) onto one site. It was explained that these services were inextricably linked, with staff working across both services and an overlap of service users who attend both.

The report set out details of the associated procurement and property implications. It was noted that the Council had explored a range of options for the re-provision of these services, which had included alternative sites. Given the costs, interdependencies and other issues it was however considered that bringing both services onto the Robert Bean Lodge site was the best option.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Legal and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to:

- (a) finalise a contract or contracts for the provision of the ECU and Napier Unit service.
- (b) vary, terminate, replace or renew the existing care contracts in respect of Robert Bean Lodge and Nelson Court.
- (c) vary, terminate, surrender/renew the existing lease of the Napier unit.
- (d) grant a sublease of the Napier Unit.
- (e) grant a temporary lease of the ECU.

A copy of the report is available via the following link:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgconvert2pdf.aspx?id=24713>

Decision: The Council has contracted with Rochester care home for the provision of the Napier unit and Enhanced care unit services.

A 6 month lease agreement was agreed for the use of the Enhanced care unit current facilities whilst the building work at the Rochester care home site is completed for the learning disability specialist service.

Surrender of the Napier unit lease, was granted but with the right to step into the delivery of the contract should the provider not deliver the contract as a last resort.

The Rochester care home and victory care home contracts were varied to remove the requirement on the service provider to deliver day care and the Council's obligation to use the day care. This is due to the underutilisation of the contract.

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Reasons for Decision: This contract was the most cost effective and has achieved the Council's intention to re-provide the Napier and ECU on the same site.

Date of Decision: *1 November 2014.*

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Conflicts of Interest: None.