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Title: Short Breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: The Cabinet considered a report on 30 September 2014 which provided an overview of the key findings and recommendations arising from the Short Break Review and seeks the Cabinet's consideration and approval of the draft Short Break Policy for Disabled Children and Young People 2014 – 2019. The Cabinet made the following decisions:

- 168/2014** **The Cabinet approved the Short Break Policy for Disabled Children and Young People in Medway 2014-2019.**
- 169/2014** **The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to implement the Policy, as set out in paragraph 8.1 of the report.**

The report can be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=12574>

Subsequently, the Cabinet considered a further report on Short Breaks Provision on 7 June 2016 and made the following decision:

- 84/2016** **The Cabinet agreed that officers commence consultation (running from June – September 2016) on the proposals for short breaks provision, as outlined in section 3 of the report.**

The report can be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=16936>

The Cabinet then considered a further report on 4 April 2017 and made the following decisions:

- 26/2017** **The Cabinet agreed that Direct Payments are used as the main tool for Short Breaks from April 2017.**
- 27/2017** **The Cabinet agreed to change the eligibility criteria for Direct Payments in relation to Short Breaks outlined in paragraph 6.12 of the report from the original criteria in paragraph 2.5.2 of the report.**
- 28/2017** **The Cabinet agreed to grant delegated authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to consider and determine requests for funding from current providers of Short Breaks during the transitional period (2017/18) as set out in paragraph 12.2 of the report.**

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- 29/2017** The Cabinet agreed to undertake discussions with the Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) regarding the proposed changes to the overnight Short Breaks provision.
- 30/2017** The Cabinet agreed to an eight-week public consultation to gain feedback from all interested parties in respect of the proposal.
- 31/2017** The Cabinet agreed that a report is submitted to Cabinet in due course providing feedback from both the Clinical Commissioning Group and the public consultation on the proposed move of the overnight Short Breaks service from Aut Even to Parklands, along with a business case including building and service delivery costs for the Parklands site to enable Cabinet to make an informed decision about the proposed changes to the in-house Short Breaks provision.
- 32/2017** The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to determine the future use of the Aut Even site on the basis set out in paragraph 3.18 of the report, subject to the outcome of the public consultation on overnight Short Breaks provision.

The report can be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=17539>

Decision: Please note that the information set out above provides details of Cabinet's decisions in chronological order. Decisions 28/2017 and 32/2017 will be recorded and published as officer executive decisions in due course.

Reasons for Decision: NA

Date of Decision: NA

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Details of any other options considered and rejected: NA

Conflicts of Interest: NA