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TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PANEL

Thursday, 19th February, 2015

Present: Cllr N J Heslop (Chairman), Cllr M A Coffin (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr J Atkins, Cllr M A C Balfour, Cllr Miss A Moloney, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr A G Sayer and Cllr Mrs C J Woodger.

Together with Addington, Birling, Borough Green, Hadlow, Kings Hill, Platt, Plaxtol, Snodland and Trottiscliffe Parish and Town Councils and County Councillors Balfour and Mrs Hohler.

Councillors O C Baldock and M R Rhodes were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J A L Balcombe, Mrs J M Bellamy, D Keeley, M Parry-Waller and East Peckham Parish Council.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

PPP 15/1 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PPP 15/2 UPDATE ON ACTION IDENTIFIED IN THE LAST MINUTES

There were no actions identified.

PPP 15/3 CENTENARY FIELDS

Mr T Houseden (Development Manager) of the Fields in Trust gave an introduction to the Centenary Fields programme, which was a countrywide joint initiative with the Royal British Legion, aimed to safeguard, improve and protect open spaces for future generations and to commemorate World War 1.

To be eligible for nomination and dedication a Centenary Field needed to have a significant link to World War 1 and should be:

- Used principally for outdoor recreation, sport or play
- Accessible to the public
- Affordable for the local community

Sites with an existing or planned War Memorial; memorial garden or area for contemplation; plus amenities such as pavilions, village halls,

indoor leisure or heritage facilities used for community recreation could be included.

It was reported that the Borough Council had identified the recently refurbished Tonbridge Memorial Garden as a site to be nominated for dedication under this scheme. Parish and town councils were encouraged to protect at least one suitable site and were invited to make nominations. From February 2015 it was hoped to have 'Field Day' events to carry out dedication or commemoration events.

In response to a question, the Panel was advised that robust methods of protection were used, such as charitable or contract law, but some flexibility could be retained for the benefit of a changing community. It was reiterated that management and ownership of the site did not change and the initiative was a valuable tool in safeguarding open space.

As a beneficiary of the previous Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, Snodland Town Council welcomed this new initiative and highly recommended the programme. It was also noted that improvement funding to support and benefit the community could be available via this new scheme.

PPP 15/4 CHANGES TO THE CARE ACT 2014

This item was WITHDRAWN. However, a Frequently Asked Questions sheet had been provided by Kent County Council which had been circulated and tabled at the meeting. This information would also be attached to the Minutes and, therefore, available on the website.

[NB. Information correct as at 4 March 2015 but subject to change]

PPP 15/5 KENT POLICE SERVICES UPDATE

Chief Inspector Gill Ellis, Borough Commander for Tonbridge and Malling, provided an overview of the achievements made in performance and the neighbourhood policing agenda.

It was reported that the overall position in the Borough remained good with a reduction of 0.4% in victim based crime. Excellent partnership working with the established CSU at Kings Hill and other partners continued. Public satisfaction with local policing in the Borough, as at December 2014, was 83% and this was slightly higher than the force average.

Recent initiatives included Op Heath, a multi-agency taxi enforcement operation in support of the Borough Council; Op Caddy, a drugs dog visit to local schools and colleges and speed enforcement at Red Hill in Watlingbury and Stocks Green Road in Hildenborough.

Reference was made to Oakdene Café and it was anticipated that following the success in 2014 agencies, including Kent Fire and Rescue Service and the Community Safety Unit, would again work in partnership to minimise anti-social behaviour.

Members expressed concern regarding the enforcement of speed limits in rural locations and asked that additional 'ad-hoc' operations be undertaken. Chief Inspector Ellis assured the Panel that Kent Police took this issue seriously and referred to the recent initiatives in Watlingbury and Hildenborough where traffic offence reports had been issued. However, if parish or town councils identified a speeding problem within their villages they could contact Chief Inspector Ellis directly on Gillian.ellis@kent.pnn.police.uk requesting speeding initiatives be undertaken. Kings Hill Parish Council referred to a previous offer of funding speeding enforcement operations with overtime. This position would be clarified by Chief Inspector Ellis.

Concerns regarding legal highs and site specific issues were also noted.

Finally, Snodland Town Council thanked Kent Police for their recent funding contribution towards equipment for a local club using the Police Property Fund.

PPP 15/6 KENT COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES UPDATE

The Kent County Council Community Engagement Manger reported that a 12 week public consultation on proposals to modernise libraries, registration and archive services had begun. Views could be registered online at www.kent.gov.uk/libraries ; information and feedback forms were available in all libraries, Register offices and mobile libraries. The following drop-in sessions were also arranged for Thursday 26 February:

- 0900 -1230 hours at Larkfield Library
- 1400-1700 hours at Paddock Wood Library

The consultation closed on Wednesday 8 April 2015.

Reference was made to the public consultation on the County's draft corporate outcomes framework which focused on what the Council was seeking to achieve rather than specifying the detail of how services were designed and delivered. This ended on 20 February 2015 and further details could be found at www.kent.gov.uk/corporateoutcomes

Kent County Council had agreed to progress converting its stock of 120,000 street lights to LED. This improvement would help reduce the street lighting energy bill by around 60% which meant that all night lighting for residential areas could potentially be reinstated. Members expressed a preference for these lights to be dimmed and this could be arranged by contacting the local County Councillor.

Inspections of Children's Centres in Tonbridge and Malling had taken place in November/December 2014 and significant improvements in all areas had been reached. It was reported that the number of families registered at centres had significantly increased but further improvement to reach 70% was required. Parish and town councils were encouraged to support and promote Children's Centres.

Finally, Members were invited to comment on proposed changes to Stansted School. This consultation would run until Friday 6 March 2015 and further information was available on:

<http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/StandedSchool/consultationHome>

The Panel expressed concern and sadness regarding the potential future of the school and the County Member for Malling North (Mrs S Hohler) advised that all options would continue to be explored, including 'free school' status.

PPP 15/7 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL SERVICES UPDATE

The Director of Finance and Transformation provided an update on key points relevant to Tonbridge and Malling. The headline messages included:

- Airport Consultation:

The Borough Council remained opposed to a second runway at Gatwick and supported a second runway at Heathrow.

- Love Where You Live Initiatives:

Details were given of a number of initiatives planned for February and these included events in Larkfield, Mereworth, Platt and Snodland. National Spring Clean Day was Saturday 21 March 2015.

- Webchat:

This had recently been trialled on the Borough Council's website to support and assist customers on-line by offering guidance on how and where to self-serve and signposting to relevant departments. The service had received a positive reaction with over 800 visitors in a few weeks and this would shortly be expanded to other Services.

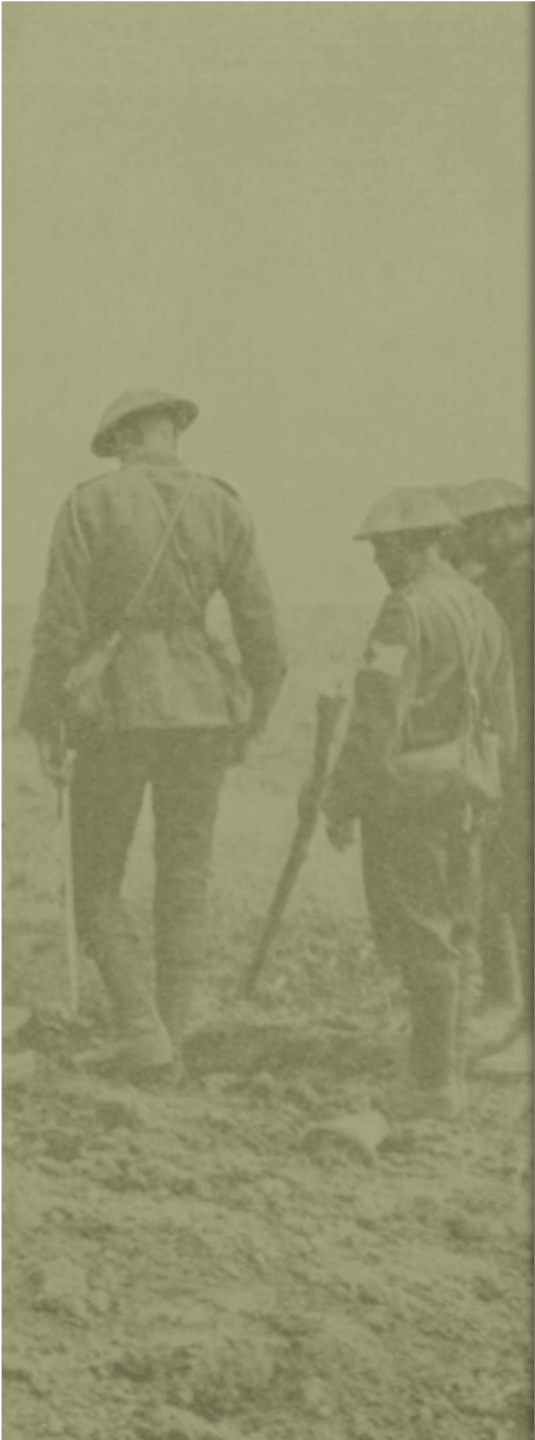
- Council Tax:

Council tax bills for 2015/16 were now being produced and would be received by households in March. Reference was made to changes to discounts and exemptions applicable to empty homes that came into

effect from 1 April 2015. Affected residents had been contacted to advise them of the forthcoming changes and to encourage these properties back into use. Members were advised that the long term empty properties, those longer than 2 years, would now be charged council tax of 150%; whilst the period for short term empty properties was reduced from 3 to 2 months.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

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CENTENARY FIELDS

Commemorating World War I 2014-2018

An Introduction to the Programme



Fields in Trust

- **Founded in 1925 by King George V**
- **Operating name of the National Playing Fields Association**
- **Patron: HM The Queen**
- **President: HRH The Duke of Cambridge**



Our Mission

To safeguard and improve outdoor
recreational spaces for sport and play
for future generations



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The Fields in Trust Effect

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The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

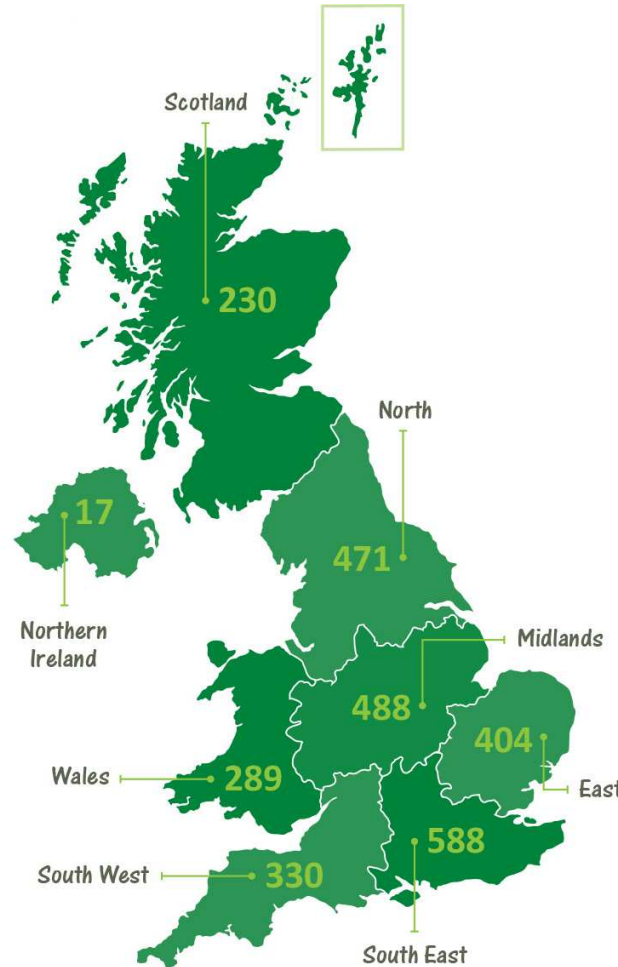
- Protected 1,500 outdoor recreational spaces
- Increased participation and community activity
- Delivered £3.1million of funding to QEII Fields
- Secured a UK-wide permanent legacy



Total Sites Protected

2,433
spaces

28,000
acres



Centenary Fields – Concept

- New UK-wide programme in partnership with The Royal British Legion.
- Fitting commemoration of this significant milestone in our history.
- Tangible legacy from the World War I Centenary Commemorations that will be valued by the general public.



The Centenary Fields programme will safeguard in perpetuity our war memorial parks, playing fields and other green spaces in memory of those who lost their lives in World War I.

Working with local authorities and landowners, this project will deliver a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made then by local people, while also protecting our green spaces for the future.

Please support Fields in Trust and The Royal British Legion to commemorate this important landmark in our history and help remembrance to live on through Centenary Fields.

HRH The Duke of Cambridge
President, Fields in Trust

Centenary Fields

HRH The Duke of Cambridge launched the programme at the War Memorial Park in Coventry in July 2014

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Centenary Fields video

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Centenary Fields – Approach

- **Phase 1 April 2014 onwards**
First tier local authorities
- **Phase 2 November 2014 onwards**
Town and Parish Councils
- **Phase 3 February 2015 onwards**
Centenary ‘Have a Field Day’ events

Centenary Fields – Criteria for Applications

A Centenary Field must have a significant link to World War I and should be:

- Used principally for outdoor recreation, sport or play.
- Accessible to the public.
- Affordable for the local community.

Centenary Fields can include facilities such as pavilions, village halls, indoor leisure or heritage facilities that are used for community recreation



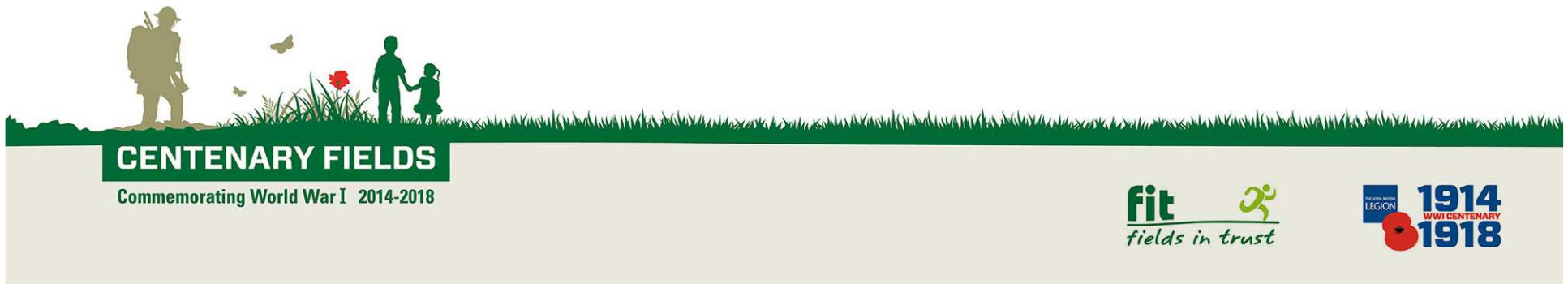
How Flexible is FIT Protection?

- **Primarily for outdoor sites but can include indoor facilities**
- **Primarily in an identifiable site in the long-term but can be flexible**
- **Primarily charitable but not exclusively so**
- **Primarily in perpetuity but can be time limited**

Centenary Fields



Remembering the past – protecting the future



Thank you
Any questions?



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Care Act FAQ

Eligibility Criteria – Rules about who is entitled to help from KCC from April 2015

1. I have heard that the Eligibility Criteria for adult social care is changing in April this year

OR

I have heard that the rules are changing in April on who the council will help with care

OR

In April are the rules on who is entitled to care going to be the same throughout the country?

In April 2015, for the first time, there will be a national level of care and support needs that all councils must consider when we assess what help we can give you. The current rules are being replaced by new national minimum eligibility criteria. In Kent we do not expect this to lead to reduction in the care and support offered (see questions below for further details).

Under the new rules all councils must provide care and support based on the new national minimum eligibility criteria. So it is more likely than now that the level of care and support will be similar throughout the country. However each council may have different types of services and support available.

2. Can you tell me what the new eligibility criteria say in more detail. I want to work out if I might be eligible.

There are three conditions in the new eligibility test and to be eligible a person has to satisfy all three.

Condition 1: Have needs related to a physical or mental impairment

Condition 2: Be unable to achieve at least 2 outcomes (see below)

Condition 3: As a consequence there is, or is likely to be, a significant impact on their wellbeing (see below).

When deciding if someone is eligible we ignore what a carer can or cannot do (if there is one). This is only taken into account when it is decided how any eligible needs are going to be met

List of outcomes

- Managing and maintaining nutrition
- Maintaining personal hygiene
- Managing toilet needs
- Being appropriately clothed
- Being able to make use of the adult's home safely

- Maintaining a habitable home environment
- Developing and maintaining family or other personal relationships
- Accessing and engaging in work, training, education or volunteering
- Making use of necessary facilities or services in the local community including public transport, and recreational facilities or services
- Carrying out any caring responsibilities the adult has for a child

Definition of Well-being

- Personal dignity (including treatment of the individual with respect)
- Physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Protection from abuse and neglect
- Control by the individual over day-to-day life (including over care and support, or support, provided to the individual and the way in which it is provided)
- Participation in work, education, training or recreation
- Social and economic well-being
- Domestic, family and personal relationships
- Suitability of living accommodation
- The individual's contribution to society

3. I already receive care from KCC. Will the new criteria be applied to me?

OR

I already receive services via KCC. Will I have to be reassessed on the 1st April in order to continue to receive services?

Everyone who currently receives care and support from KCC will continue to receive this help on 1 April without the need for a reassessment. In other words you will be automatically transferred to the new eligibility criteria. You will only be reassessed against the new rules at your next scheduled review, which usually takes place every year. However, if your needs change before this you can ask for a reassessment and this will be done according to the new rules.

4. When is my next review? I have not been told when it is.

Your Case Manager will write to you to let you know when this will take place. It is usually within 1 year of your last assessment or review. However you can request an earlier reassessment if you think your needs have changed.

5. I do NOT currently receive any care and support/services from KCC. Should I wait until 1 April to ask for a care assessment or should I request an assessment now?

OR

Are the rules more generous now or will they be more generous after 1 April?

Kent County Council believes that the new eligibility criteria are broadly on the same level as the current criteria (but we cannot guarantee this in individual cases).

If you think you need care and support now you should not wait until April to ask for an assessment. If you do qualify under the current rules (i.e before 1 April 2015) you will automatically be transferred to eligibility under the new rules on 1 April. See question 3 above.

6. What happens if my needs are not eligible for care and support from the council?

Whatever your level of need, we will give you information and advice that can help you. We might also be able put you in touch with other organisations who can support your wellbeing and help you remain independent for longer.

7. I have been told the new rules apply to people who are 18 and above (i.e. adults). I am not yet 18 but do have care and support needs. What about me?

If you have a need for care and support now, whilst under 18, you should ask for an assessment from Children's Services. HOWEVER, if you think you will need care and support after the age of 18 you should ask for a "transition assessment" by Adult Services so that we can decide what help we should give you once you do reach the age of 18.

You can ask for a "transition assessment" whether you currently get help from Children's Services or not – it doesn't matter.

Transition assessments are already good practice and happen under the current rules but the Care Act puts a legal duty on the council to carry these out at an appropriate time for the young person.

8. What happens if I am eligible under the new rules but my carer can meet some of my needs?

We will first check that your carer is able to go on providing the care. Once we have done this we will then be responsible for meeting your eligible needs that are not being met by your carer (i.e. your unmet eligible needs). We will discuss and agree with you how that should happen.

In addition we may be able to provide support directly to your carer (see below).

9. If I am eligible for help in Kent and I move to another area what will happen?

We will provide, with your permission, the other council with the details of your assessment and what care and support you are provided with. Once you move, they will be under a duty to provide the same level of support until they have carried out a reassessment using their own staff. It is likely that the other council will decide that you need the same level of care and support that you were provided with in Kent. There may be some differences in how this is provided because of the different services available. For example, one council might provide a buddying service to stop people from feeling lonely, whilst another might help people to stop feeling lonely by introducing them to community events in their area.

Carers from April 2015

10. What is a “carer”?

OR

Am I a “carer” as I only provide care part-time?

In England, millions of people provide unpaid care or support to an adult family member or friend, either in their own home or somewhere else.

You are a carer if you provide help and support, unpaid, to a family member, friend or neighbour who would otherwise not be able to manage. ‘Caring’ for someone covers lots of different things, like helping with their washing, dressing or eating, taking them to regular appointments or keeping them company when they feel lonely or anxious.

If this sounds like you, you are considered to be a ‘carer’ even if you only provide care on a part-time basis.

11. Are there any new rights for carers under the new Care Act?

OR

I have heard that there will be more support for carers from 1 April. Is this true?

From April 2015, care and support in England is changing for the better, and if the person you care for is an adult (aged 18 or over) you may be able to get more help to carry on caring and look after your own wellbeing.

For the first time, carers will be recognised in the law in the same way as those they care for, giving what the Government call “parity of esteem” for those in receipt of care and the people who care for them.

You may be able to get more help so that you can carry on caring and look after your own wellbeing. You may be eligible for support, taken as a direct payment to spend on the things that make caring easier; or practical support, like arranging for someone to step in when you need a short break.

You may prefer to be put in touch with local support groups so you have people to talk to. We can help you find the right support and may suggest that you have a carer’s assessment. A carer’s assessment will look at the different ways that caring affects your life and work out how you can carry on doing the things that are important to you and your family.

12. I am a carer but the person/people I care for does/do not receive any care and support from KCC. They have been told in the past that they don’t qualify because their needs are not great enough. Does this mean I cannot get any support myself as a carer? OR

Will the person I care for need an assessment?

You can have a carer’s assessment even if the person you care for does not get any help from the local authority, and they will not need to be assessed.

You may still qualify for support as a carer even though the people you care for are not eligible for help from KCC. You will need to request a Carer’s Assessment so we can decide

if we need to provide any support to you. We will assess you against the new Eligibility Criteria for Carers (see next question for details).

13. What is the new eligibility criteria/the new rules for carers?

Carers meet the eligibility criteria if:

- the needs arise as a consequence of providing necessary care for an adult
- the carer's physical or mental health is, or is at risk of, deteriorating OR they are unable to achieve any of the specified outcomes (see separate list)
- as a consequence there is, or is likely to be, a significant impact on the carer's well-being.

14. What are the outcomes referred to above?

- Carrying out any caring responsibilities the carer has for a child
- Providing care to other persons for whom the carer provides care
- Maintaining a habitable home environment in the carer's home (whether or not this is also the home of the adult needing care)
- Managing and maintaining nutrition
- Developing and maintaining family or other personal relationships
- Engaging in work, training, education or volunteering
- Making use of necessary facilities or services in the local community, including recreational facilities or services
- Engaging in recreational activities

15. What does wellbeing refer to?

- Personal dignity (including treatment of the individual with respect)
- Physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Protection from abuse and neglect
- Control by the individual over day-to-day life (including over care and support, or support, provided to the individual and the way in which it is provided)
- Participation in work, education, training or recreation
- Social and economic well-being
- Domestic, family and personal relationships
- Suitability of living accommodation
- The individual's contribution to society

16. What will be considered during the assessment?

The above sections cover the new rules in detail. In summary, a carer's assessment will look at the different ways caring affects your life and work out how you can carry on doing the things that are important to you and your family. It should cover your caring role, your feelings about caring, your physical, mental and emotional health, and how caring affects your work, leisure, education, wider family and relationships.

Your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing will be at the heart of this assessment. This means that you will be able to tell the council how caring for someone is affecting your life and what could make things better for you and the person you look after.

17. What sort of help and support could I get?

If you provide care and support to an adult friend or family member, you may be eligible for support, such as a direct payment to spend on the things that make caring easier; or practical support, like arranging for someone to step in when you need a short break. Or you may prefer to be put in touch with local support groups so you have people to talk to.

A carer's assessment will consider the impact the care and support you provide is having on your own wellbeing and important aspects of the rest of your life.

18. What about parents caring for disabled children, or young carers who are under 18?

If you are a young carer yourself, or if you are a parent caring for a disabled child, you have similar rights to assessment and support but they are covered by the Children and Families Act, not the new Care Act. You need to contact Children's Services if you need help.

If you or the person you are caring for is about to reach the age of 18 years, you will be able to get a 'transition assessment' which will let you know whether you or they are likely to be eligible for support as an adult caring for another adult. This will be done by Adult Services.

19. Will I be asked about my finances?

For the year 2015/16 Kent County Council will be continuing with the current policy which is NOT to charge carers for the support services we offer.

20. Does having a carer's assessment affect my right to get carer's allowance?

Not at all. Having a carer's assessment will not affect your right to receive Carer's Allowance.

21. Does having a carer's assessment mean the council is judging the quality of care that I provide?

A carer's assessment is about you and your wellbeing. It will consider the impact that caring is having on your life and what support might be available for you. Its purpose is not to judge the care that you provide.

22. I share providing care with other family members/friends. Can all of us have a carer's assessment?

Everyone who gives unpaid care to an adult over the age of 18, and has some need for support, can request an individual carer's assessment. They do not have to be done together.

23. The person I am caring for will not agree to a needs assessment themselves. Could I still be offered support as a carer?

You don't need the permission of the person you are caring for to request a carer's assessment. You are entitled to ask for one in your own right.

24. If my assessment recommends a short break from caring, who will pay for the cost of services that cover for me?

Each person's situation is different. The cost would either be covered by the council, or a contribution would need to be paid by the person receiving the care. You as a carer cannot be charged for any support provided directly to the person you care for, even if it helps you to take a break.

The Cap on Care Costs from April 2016

25. I've heard I can get free care from April 2015

OR

Is it true that there is going to be a limit on how much I have to spend on care in my lifetime?

Unfortunately care is not going to be free from April this year or even next year. But from April 2016 there will be a cap on how much an individual will have to spend in their lifetime on care costs. So when a person reaches the cap some of their care costs (the ones that are eligible) will be free.

26. How will it work?

Only people who meet the minimum national eligibility threshold for social care will be entitled to have a cap on their care costs, from April 2016.

To get the clock ticking on your spending towards the cap, you will need to contact us / Kent County Council to have a needs assessment and set up a 'care account', which is how spending will be tracked. If you have eligible needs, we will tell you what your Personal Budget or, if you fund yourself, your Independent Personal Budget will be. This is the amount that it would cost us to meet your care costs, regardless of whether you are paying the full cost yourself or only making a means-tested contribution towards it.

Once you have spent up to the limit (expected to be £72,000 for people over 25*), we would pay for meeting your eligible needs, up to the cost of your Personal Budget or Independent Personal Budget. However, you would still need to pay for:

- any extra care costs (for example, if you choose a more expensive care option)
- any support that is not covered in the care and support package
- if you are in a care home, a contribution to general living costs (if you can afford it – this will be means-tested).

**This has not yet been confirmed – see below.*

27. When does it start?

The Care Act introduces a cap on care costs from April 2016. Only eligible spend from that date onwards will count. Anything spent before that date will not count.

To get the clock ticking on your spending, you will need to contact us /Kent County Council to have a needs assessment and set up a 'care account', which is how spending will be tracked.

We are not yet in a position to be able to assess and record your needs for the care account but we expect to be able to do this from October/November 2015.

28. How much do I have to spend?

The amounts have not been confirmed by the Government yet.

The Department of Health is currently consulting on this and the final amounts may not be confirmed until after the general election in May 2015. Here is what we know so far:

It is expected that the cap for people aged over 25 will be £72,000, but so far this figure has only been confirmed for people over pension age. **Some people will reach the cap without having to actually spend £72,000 because they will only ever pay a means-tested contribution to the cost of their care.**

It is likely that the cap will be zero (ie, the local authority must automatically meet someone's eligible care costs free of charge) if an individual has care needs that have developed before the age of 25 (but this has not yet been confirmed).

29. So does any cost count?

We do not yet have all the details but we expect that the following will not count towards the cap:

- any extra care costs (for example, if you choose a more expensive care option)
- any support that is not covered in the care and support package
- if you are in a care home, a contribution to general living costs (if you can afford it – this will be means-tested).

30. If I choose more expensive options, will that mean I reach the cap more quickly?

No. We/KCC will only count what you spend up to what we would pay, if we were meeting your eligible care costs.

See answer to 'So does any cost count?'

31. Where can I find more information?

The Department of Health has up to date national information www.gov.uk/careandsupport

KCC Services Update Feb 2015

**James Harman
KCC Community Engagement
Manager**

Library, Registration & Archive services public consultation Key Information

- The public consultation focuses on the options for service transformation and KCC's preferred option of establishing a charitable trust
- A charitable trust is a not for profit organisation governed by a Board of volunteer Trustees
- This is the context where KCC has to find significant savings across all its services
- No decision has yet been taken and we want to hear what you think about the proposal

Library, Registration & Archive services public consultation

- Public consultation will take place for 12 weeks from Monday 12 January 2015 to Wednesday 8 April 2015
- Consultation information and feedback forms available in all libraries, Register offices and mobile libraries
- ‘Road Shows’ in every district. These are drop-in sessions where you can come along and ask questions about the proposal.

Local Dates are;

Larkfield Library Thursday 26th Feb - 9am - 12.30pm

Paddock Wood Library 26th Feb – 2pm – 5pm

Library, Registration & Archive services public consultation

- All information also available online where you can also submit a response to the consultation;
www.kent.gov.uk/lraconsultation
- At the end of the consultation, responses will be collated, fully analysed and a report produced to inform any decision by the Cabinet Member
- The report will be produced by an external company

Consultation closes **4th April**

“*Supporting Independence & Opportunity*” - Draft Corporate Outcomes Framework (2015-2019)

- New Corporate Outcomes Framework for KCC and is intended to replace ‘Bold Steps for Kent’ as the strategic statement.
- Aim is support KCC’s transformation into a strategic commissioning authority and to provide a clear statement of high-level outcomes
- The Framework focuses on ‘what’ the council is seeking to achieve rather than specifying the detail of ‘how’ services are designed and delivered
- Consultation closes **20th Feb 2015**, info via www.kent.gov.uk/corporateoutcomes.

Residents to benefit from local LED street lighting

- KCC has agreed to press ahead with converting its stock of 120,000 street lights to LED with Central Management System (CMS) technology.
- Improvements will reduce KCC's street lighting energy bill by around 60%
- The scheme will cost around £40m
- Conversion to LED could start in late 2015 or early 2016 and take three years to complete.
- Residential areas will be undertaken first.

For more info visit: www.kent.gov.uk/streetlighting

Tonbridge and Malling Children's Centres Inspection Nov/Dec 2014

- Last inspection in Nov 13 gave the centres inadequate (4) for all 3 areas.
- Inspectors returned in Nov 14 and there were significant improvements in all areas;

Good 2

The effectiveness of leadership, governance and management -

Requires improvement 3

Access to services by young children and families

The quality of practice and services



Tonbridge and Malling Children's Centres Inspection Nov/Dec 2014

Strengths (quotes from Ofsted)–

- Staff have worked tirelessly to improve services and ensure families receive relevant support.
- The strong leadership team and effective district advisory board mean improvements are at a fast rate and the capacity to maintain progress is good.
- Families who use the centres' services fully appreciate the help and support they receive.
- The quality of the centres' work on individual families, and those most in need, is good.
- Excellent working arrangements with Partners

Tonbridge and Malling Children's Centres Inspection Nov/Dec 2014 Improvements needed–

- The number of families registered at the centres has significantly increased, but needs further improvement (at 63% needs to be 70%).
- Many procedures have been put in place to address issue, but it is too early to see the impact
- The number of two-year-old children using their entitlement to free early years provision is low.
- Not all procedures are in place to prepare adults who wish to return to work.
- New systems have not yet fully bedded in

Proposed changes to Stansted School

- KCC, the Interim Executive Board for Stansted CEP School and the Diocese of Rochester has agreed, with regret, to launch a public consultation on a proposal to discontinue the School by 31 Aug 2015.
- Stansted C of E primary school has been in special measures since July 2013
- There are approx. 35 pupils on role
- Consultation now open and closes on **Friday 6 March 2015.**

<http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/StanstedSchool/consultationHome>



Any Questions?

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