

# KCC Services Update

## Sept 2014

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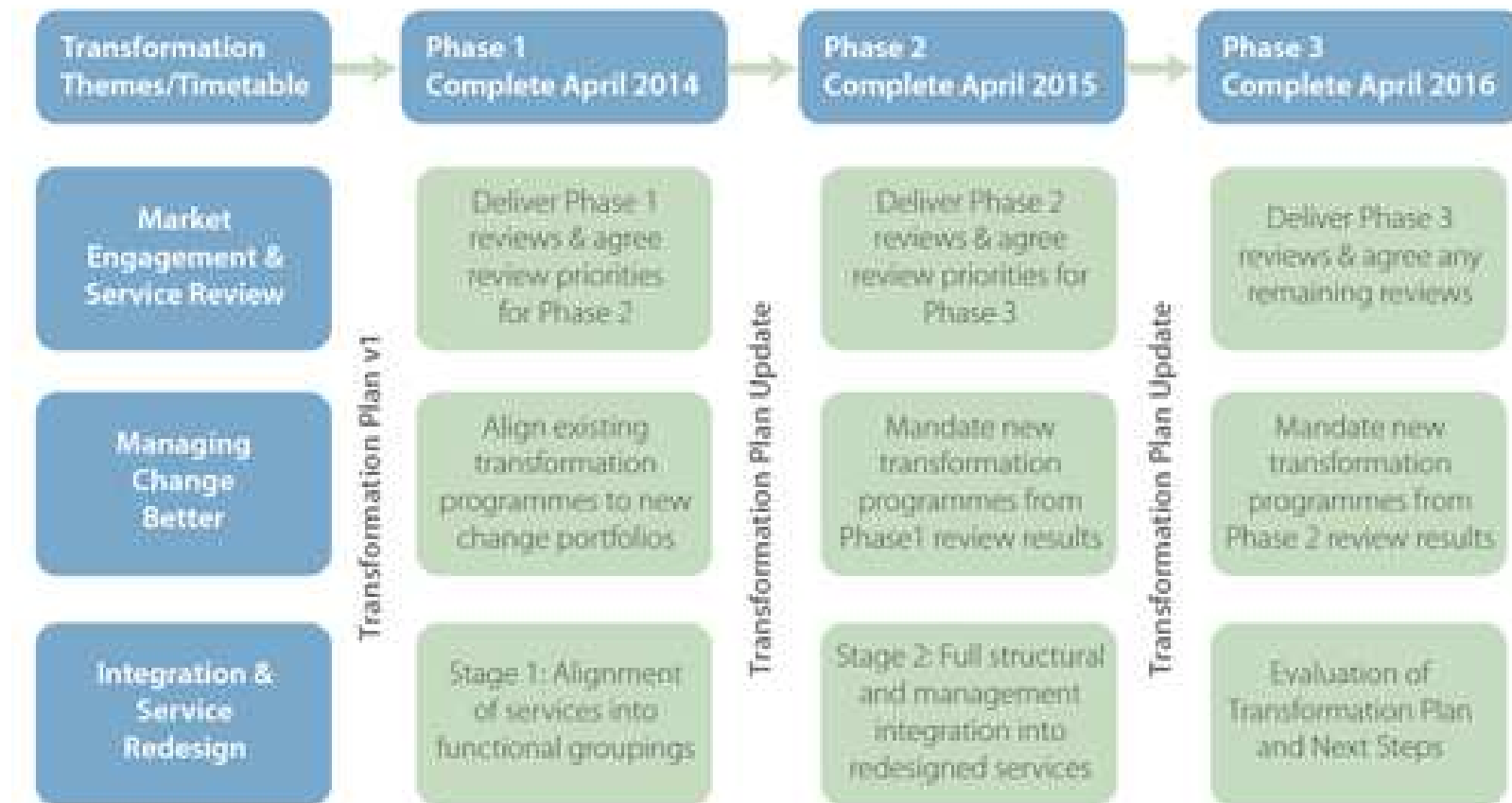


*Community Engagement - Bringing People Together*

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# Facing the Challenge

## KCC Transformation Programme timeline



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# The progress so far

- All phase 1 milestones achieved
- Phase 1 reviews to proceed to full business case
- Working with Phase 1 services to coordinate handover
- Recommendations for Phase 1 Service Reviews have been endorsed by County Council - May 2014

Various alternative business models have been taken forward to Full Business Case including:

- Trust Vehicle
  - Joint Venture Organisation
  - LATCo
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# Phase 2 Reviews

The service review and market engagement process will focus on working with the services to find out:

- what outcomes are needed
- what is currently achievable within the service
- what options are available in-house to optimise delivery

The next stage will focus on engaging with the market to see whether there are any alternative models that could achieve the same at a lower cost.

The services and teams to be reviewed in Phase 2 are listed below:

- SEN Assessment, Support and Transport
  - Home to School/College Transport
  - Adoption, Fostering and Leaving Care
  - Community Safety and Regulatory Service
  - Procurement
  - Countryside Access
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# Care Act 2014

The [Care Act 2014](#) introduces major changes to adult social care from April 2015, but some of the key changes won't come into effect until April 2016.

- The Care Act brings together a number of new duties and powers, as well as making some changes to existing duties and processes. In some cases existing duties are simply consolidated into the new legislation.

***Benefits of the changes are:***

- Clearer financial arrangements
  - Better information and advice
  - Improved support for carers
  - Greater choice of services
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# Care Act 2014 -cont

## **Some key changes include:**

- Introduction of a new national eligibility criteria..
  - New rights to support for carers.
  - Nationally defined universal deferred payments to be administered by local authorities (to pay back care costs later if assets are tied up in a property).
  - Legal duties on local authorities to provide information and advocacy to prevent care needs.
  - Statutory Safeguarding Adults Board
  - Power for local authorities to delegate social care functions to another organisation, except safeguarding, decisions on charging and integration.
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# School Admissions – Application Dates

## Secondary Schools

- If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2015 you can now apply until the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2014.
- It is now too late to apply for the Kent Test for children starting secondary school in 2015.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

## Primary Schools

- If your child is due to start Primary school in September 2015 you can apply from 11 November
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# Combined Member Grants

- New Scheme now open over 25 Community Groups and 6 Highways projects funded since May
  - One scheme cover Community and Highways Projects
  - 25k per Member available for this year
  - Last year over 50 different organisations operating in Tonbridge and Malling benefitted from Member Grants.
  - More details by contacting your local Members or by contacting myself.
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# Community Engagement Overview

The core aims and objectives of the Community Engagement Team are key to delivering the 'Facing the Challenge' vision of “**putting the customer at the heart of our services**” The Team aim to;

- Ensure engagement is inclusive and accessible
- Reach those groups that are rarely heard
- Support Members and local communities to identify blockages, find solutions and ultimately improve local services provided by KCC.
- Work in partnership with organisations across Kent connecting people and sharing information.
- Bring people together and making best use of resources across the County.
- Support KCC Decision makers, ensuring commissioning plans meet service users and resident needs.



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# Any Questions?

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