

# **KCC Services Update**

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# 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 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9am - 12.30pm**

**Paddock Wood Library 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 **4<sup>th</sup> 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 **20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015**, info via [www.kent.gov.uk/corporateoutcomes](http://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](http://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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