

#### **AGENDA**

# **CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 21st October, 2009, at 10.00 am Ask for: Peter Sass Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Telephone: 01622 694002 Maidstone

Refreshments will be available 15 minutes before the start of the meeting Timing of items as shown below is approximate and subject to change.

County Councillors who are not Members of the Committee but who wish to ask questions at the meeting are asked to notify the Chairman of their questions in advance.

# Please note that this meeting will be webcast

## **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

# **A. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A1 Substitutes
- A2 Declarations of Interests by Members in Items on the Agenda for this Meeting
- A3 Minutes 23 September 2009 (Pages 1 6)
- A4 Informal Member Group on Budgetary Issues 7 October 2009 (Pages 7 10)
- A5 Follow-up Items from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (Pages 11 14)

## **B. FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION**

- B1 The Overview and Scrutiny Function as a Result of the Decision made at County Council on 15 October 2009 (Pages 15 24)
  - Mr A J King, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Localism and Partnerships; Mr G Wild, Director of Law & Governance; and Mr P D Wickenden, Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager, will attend the meeting from 10.15 am to 11.00 am to answer Members' questions.
- B2 The Decision to Review the Children's Centres Programme (Pages 25 28)

  Mr L B Ridings, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education; Mrs A

Gamby, Head of Early Years and Childcare; and Ms J Smith (Children's Centre Project Manager), will attend the meeting from 11.00 am to 11.30 am to answer Members' questions on this item.

B3 Kent Highways Services and the Process for Local Member Input (Pages 29 - 38)

Mr N Chard, Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste; and Mr D

Hall, Head of Transport and Development, will attend the meeting from 11.30 am to
12 noon to answer Members' questions on this item.

# C. CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS AT VARIANCE TO APPROVED BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK

No items.

# **D. CABINET DECISIONS**

No Cabinet decisions have been proposed for call in but any Member of the Committee is entitled to propose discussion and/or postponement of any decision taken by the Cabinet at its last meeting.

(Members who wish to exercise their right under this item are asked to notify the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership of the decision concerned in advance.)

### E. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

No items.

## F. OFFICER AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE DECISIONS

No Officer or Council Committee decisions have been proposed for call in but the Committee may resolve to consider any decisions taken since its last meeting by an Officer or Council Committee exercising functions delegated to it by the Council.

(Members who wish to propose that the Committee should consider any Officer or Council Committee decision are asked to inform the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership of the decision concerned in advance.)

# **EXEMPT ITEMS**

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

Peter Sass Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership (01622) 694002

## Tuesday, 13 October 2009

Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers maybe inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.