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To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 9 April 2010

Subject: Follow up items from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the items which the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee has raised previously for follow up

Introduction

1. This is a rolling schedule of information requested previously by the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. If the information supplied is satisfactory it will be removed following the meeting, but if the Committee should find the information to be unsatisfactory it will remain on the schedule with a request for further information.

Recommendation

3. That the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee notes the responses to the issues raised previously.

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Background Information: *Nil*

	Issue	Response
10.12.08	Highways Business Plan IMG 02.12.08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A list of gully schedules be supplied to all Members after the elections 	In July Members will be supplied with specimen gully emptying schedules following the completion of route optimisation work for gulleys countywide. When all this is complete, gully emptying schedules will be available.
25.01.10	The Committee requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an annotated (to enable a brief update) copy of the report into funding received from Government by the County Council; - a breakdown of Asylum costs to the Committee; - written confirmation of the money spent and allocated to implement Select Committee recommendations; - further information on the call numbers relating to Healthwatch and the cost to KCC of advertising the service. 	This information has been provided and was circulated to the Committee via email on 17 February 2010.
10.02.10	Mr Horne asked that when it became known, Members be informed of the level of funding package which the Government was offering to Kent County Council in relation to the transfer of the Learning and Skills Council Service.	When this information is known Members will be informed.
10.02.10	Mr Kite asked that, following the release of the council tax rates, Members look at the emerging evidence of possible efficiencies from some of the new unitary authorities.	The Scrutiny Board will decide whether to take this issue forward at their next meeting on 22 April 2010.
10.02.10	Confirmation of the other local authorities which had also raised a separate precept to cover the budget gap resulting from Asylum costs.	Members will be aware from the County Council meeting on 18 February that it was not necessary for the Council to precept for unmet asylum costs. Officers are not aware of any authorities who have separately precepted, but some (like Hillingdon) have included an amount for asylum within overall council tax charge. At the time of the scrutiny meeting, it was believed that other authorities were considering including Asylum in their precept, indeed Hillingdon have done this for the last two years
10.02.10	Supporting People Ask that the relevant officer clarify in writing the Council's position of preventing providers from removing residential wardens.	This information has been provided and was circulated to the Committee via email on 26 February 2010.