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To: Resources and Infrastructure Children, Families &  
Education Policy Overview Committee

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Subject: **Deputy Cabinet Member and Service Directors' Verbal  
Update**

Classification: Unrestricted

**1. Deputy Cabinet Member's Verbal Update will include:**

**(1) Building Schools for the Future (BSF)/Academies**

Members will be aware of what has been announced by the government and they will hopefully have read the press statement that the Leader released together with the letter and attachments that the Cabinet Member and I circulated. The stopping of BSF has major implications not only for Wave 4, but Members should be aware of the impact this has on a number of Special Schools.

**(2) In-Year Savings / Budget**

CFE has made a substantial contribution to the in-year savings that were required of Kent County Council. We thought we had met our obligations when we produced initial savings of £6.2 million, however we were then faced with a further requirement of £1.5 million resulting from savings that the Department for Education (DfE) transferred back to the Local Authorities. Additionally we have had two tranches of further savings that totalled £2.7 million.

To date we have delivered in-year savings of £10.4 million and to date have accomplished this without recourse to schools' budgets, thereby protecting frontline services.

**(3) Forward Looking Budget / Prioritisation**

Will present a verbal report that will outline some of the challenges that lie ahead and how important it will be to prioritise services. There are going to have to be some extremely difficult decisions taken.

**(4) School Visits**

Verbal update on schools visited and issues being raised.

## **(5) Kent School Honours**

Congratulations go to:

- Helen Tait, Head teacher at Sandgate Primary School and Folkestone Academy who received a CBE for services to education in Kent
- Michael Stevens, Chair of Governors, Oakwood Park Grammar School, Maidstone, who received an MBE for voluntary service to education

## **2. Service Directors' Verbal Update will include:**

The update from Grahame Ward (Director of Capital Programme and Infrastructure Group) and Keith Abbott (Director of Resources and Planning Group) will include the following key points:

### **(1) Building Schools for the Future and Academies Programme:**

Update on the position in light of the recent government announcement. The aim of this item will be to provide a clearer context to the announcement and share understanding so far of the ways forward.

### **(2) Health and Safety**

Update on the issues that were mentioned at the last meeting.

### **(3) In-year budget savings:**

Detail on the four separate sets of in-year budget savings announced by the DfE, which total in excess of £10m.