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To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 10 February 2010

Subject: Follow up items from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

Classification: Unrestricted

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

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### **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*

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>10.12.08</b>	Highways Business Plan IMG 02.12.08 - 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.
<b>23.09.09</b>	The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee request that the Personnel Committee review the Officer and Member Code of Conduct with regard to situations where a potential conflict of interest, real or perceived is encountered;	A further letter was sent to the Leader on 13 January 2010.  The Personnel Committee, on 27 January, agreed that there was no need to instigate a formal review of the Code of Conduct – Members are invited to read the minutes of the Personnel Committee when they are available.
<b>21.10.09</b>	Local Member input into Highways Issues: The Cabinet Scrutiny welcome the Cabinet Member's assurance that he would take the views of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on board and that the issue should be reviewed again by the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee in 6 months time.	For consideration in April 2010.
<b>09.12.09</b>	The Chairman and Vice Chairmen requested a copy of the contract between KCC and Terry Farrell	A copy of the contract has been requested and the R&ED POSC will be updated on the latest Kent Spatial Framework document which has been produced following Farrell's consultancy work. R&ED POSC have taken a close interest in the development of this work and this is a scheduled update to ensure R&ED POSC Members are fully briefed and updated.
<b>09.12.09</b>	Developer contributions, section 106 agreements: The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee ask the Scrutiny Board to review the protocols in relation to future developments, between the County and Districts and the formula used to determine contributions requested.	A future meeting of the Scrutiny Board will determine which POSC should deal with this issue and when.

<p><b>09.12.09</b></p>	<p><b>Kent Design Guide:</b>  Welcome the offer from the Cabinet Member that a meeting with Developers and Architects would be held as a matter of urgency in the New Year and the assurance that this would include discussion of the standards being proposed, not just to talk about their implementation. Practical examples of how the proposed standards would operate in practice should be demonstrated to enable members to discuss what the effects of the new standards were likely to be on landtake and street scene. Members should be invited to attend this meeting and the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee should be advised at the earliest opportunity regarding the invitees to the meeting to ensure all relevant parties are present.</p> <p>Ask that the KCC consultation protocol be circulated to all Members, as the Committee was concerned that the protocol might not have been properly applied in this instance and that the Scrutiny Board and/or Corporate POSC be asked to examine whether the Consultation Protocol needed to be amended, in the light of the concerns expressed about this particular consultation, i.e. whether the list of consultees is full and appropriate; whether the method of consultation was appropriate; and whether steps should have been taken to chase up non-respondents.</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th March, 10:00-13:00, has been agreed in principle for the meeting with selected developers and members wishing to attend.</p> <p>The consultation strategy was circulated to all Cabinet Scrutiny Committee Members 22.12.09</p> <p>The Scrutiny Board will be considering our request that they, or Corporate POSC, examine whether the consultation protocol needs to be amended in light of the Kent Design Guide consultation.</p>
<p><b>09.12.09</b></p>	<p><b>Strategic Head Quarters Reception Facilities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. a copy of the business case for the proposal to close the reception facilities be circulated to Members of the Committee</li> <li>3. ask that the issue be considered by the Scrutiny Board,</li> </ol>	<p>The memo circulated to members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and Corporate POSC on 26 January 2010 notes that, whilst a "feasibility report" was referred to at Cabinet Scrutiny Committee in December, this is one and the same thing as the Chief Officer Group report - there is no separate document.</p> <p>This issue was considered by the Corporate POSC on 14</p>

	<p>possibly through the Corporate POSC before a final decision is made</p> <p>4. the Scrutiny Board, and/or Corporate POSC be provided with the following information: Number of people using the Maidstone Gateway; the appropriateness of using a holding area in Sessions House for visitors waiting to access other buildings; full details of all Risk and Health and Safety assessments, particularly with regard to fire evacuation, and security of staff in view of unauthorised access to swiped areas of the buildings.</p>	<p>January 2010.</p> <p>Further information on SHQ reception closures was circulated, via email, to members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and Corporate POSC on 26 January 2010.</p>
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