

**REPORT TO: CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4 November 2005**  
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## **CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS**

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### **Summary**

1. The report provides a summary (in Table 1) of outcomes and progress on matters arising from the most recent Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (CSC) meeting held on 29 September 2005 and subsequent responses and actions by Cabinet and Cabinet Members up to the meeting of Cabinet held on 24 October.
2. The overall work programme for Select Committee Topic Reviews agreed by Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee at its meeting held on 11 August was reported to Cabinet on 19 September. The current status of this programme is shown in Table 2.

### **Recommendations**

3. To note
  - (i) progress on actions and outcomes of the meeting of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee held on 20 July 2005 as set out in Table 1, and
  - (ii) the present position on Select Committee Topic Reviews.

	Item/Issue	Decisions/Actions and Outcomes from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee 29 September 2005
	<b>A2 Minutes CSC Meeting 20 July 2005</b>	The notes of the meeting were accepted. <b>Members reiterated the need for a clear audit trail for each decision on Second Homes Monies (Minute 15(2) (b)).</b>
	<b>A3 Informal Member Group on Budgetary Issues</b>	Minutes of the IMG meeting held on 14 September were noted.
	<b>A4 "Kent-What Price Growth?" IMG 26 September 2005.</b>	(i) <b>IMG's recommendation that a visual presentation on the Long-Term Financial Planning Model should be give to all Members of the County Council as part of the Finance training sessions arranged for 18 October was endorsed.</b> (ii) Other meeting notes were noted.
	<b>A5 Cabinet Scrutiny Committee: Actions and Outcomes</b>	The report was noted.
	<b>A6 Proposed Dates of Cabinet Scrutiny Meetings 2006</b>	Dates were noted.
	<b>A7 Comprehensive Performance Assessment</b>	Members thanked David Lewis, Strategic Director (Resources) and Judy Edwards (Head of Performance Management) for their briefing on CPA and endorsed the approach suggested.
	<b>C1 KCC Involvement with EU Jet/Planestation</b>	<b>Mr A J King and Mr D Lewis attended and answered Members' questions, following which the Committee</b> (i) <b>thanked them for attending;</b> (ii) <b>accepted that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration had acted in good faith and in accordance with relevant procedures in deciding to invest Kent Regeneration Fund Money in EU Jet;</b> (iii) <b>requested Cabinet to consider whether the procedures covering such decisions need to be amended in order to protect individual Cabinet Members from suggestions of impropriety.</b>
	<b>D1 One PCT for the Kent County Council Area</b>	<b>Mr P W A Lake, Mr P Gilroy and Mr M Lemon attended, following which the Committee</b> (i) <b>thanked them for attending and answering Members' questions;</b> (ii) <b>requested that NHS Overview and Scrutiny Committee be asked to keep the reconfiguration of PCTs within Kent under review;</b> (iii) <b>placed on record its view that there should be public consultation on all the options for PCT reconfiguration with full costings for each.</b>
	<b>Exempt Item F2 (Outcomes and Recommendations not Exempt ) Officer Decision to Accept Tender other than the Lowest-Mid Kent Social Services</b>	Mr P Lake, and Mr P Round answered Members' questions on this item. <b>After hearing responses, the Committee concluded that:</b> (a) <b>whenever a contract is let which requires notification to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, then the local Member(s) also be informed; Note: this could be picked up in the forthcoming review of the Contracts and Tenders Code of Practice?</b> (b) <b>contracting staff be asked to ensure that feedback is always offered to unsuccessful tenderers, particularly voluntary organisations, to assist their understanding of the County</b>

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		<i>Council's requirements should they submit tenders in the future © contracting staff be reminded that tender evaluation reports might be called in for consideration by the Committee, and should therefore contain all the information that might assist Members to understand the reasons for the decision to accept a particular tender.</i>

<b>Policy Overview Committee/ Topic Review/Chair</b>	<b>Full programme and topics reviewed after POCs in July 2005 and agreed at POCC on 11 August 2005.</b>
<i>Education and Libraries:</i> <b>Primary School Attainment</b>  <b>Home-School Transport</b>	Commences January/April 2006 (Research Officer tba)  Commences October 2005 (ADP Research Officer)
<i>Social Care and Community Health:</i> <b>Gypsy and Traveller Sites</b>  <b>Learning Disabilities (Informal Member Group)</b>	Commenced August 2005; report by end of March 2006 (Sara Turnbull)  Commenced August 2005; report due by end of December 2005 (Pippa Cracknell)
<i>Strategic Planning:</i> <b>Water and Wastewater, especially in Ashford Growth Area</b>  <b>Climate Change relating to Kent and surrounding areas</b>	Commenced July 2005 with report due October 2005 (ADP Theresa Weir)  Starts January 2006 (Research Officer tba )
<i>NHS Overview and Scrutiny</i> <b>Preventing Diseases through Physical Activity</b>	Commenced August 2005; report due by end of March 2006 (Abigail Hill)

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