

REPORT TO: CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 18 January 2006
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CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS

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 14 December 2005. The report includes subsequent responses and actions by Cabinet Members and Senior Officers up to and including the meeting of Cabinet held on 9 January 2005.
2. The overall work programme for Select Committee Topic Reviews agreed by Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee at its meeting held on 11 August 2005 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 14 December 2005 as set out in Table 1,
 - (ii) the present position on Select Committee Topic Reviews.

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	A2 Minutes CSC Meeting 4 November 2005	<p>(i) The minutes of the meeting were agreed. (ii) Mr R J Parker requested further information about the aims of the Education Visit to the USA and how well those aims were realised.</p> <p>ACTION: Mr G Badman. COMPLETED 21/12/05 Information provided by Strategic Director and sent to Members under cover of note from Stuart Ballard.</p>
	A3 Informal Member Group on Budgetary Issues 1 December 2005	<p>Minutes of the IMG meetings held on 1 December 2005 were noted.</p> <p>NO FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED</p>
	A4 Cabinet Scrutiny Committee: Actions and Outcomes	<p>The report was noted. The Committee noted in Table 2 the addition that Mr M Fittock was Chairman of the Select Committee on Preventing Diseases through Physical Activity.</p> <p>ACTION: John Wale; COMPLETED 15/12/05</p>
	C1 Re-shaping Kent Highways	<p>Mr K Ferrin, Mr P Raine and Mrs S Stoneham were thanked for answering Members questions.</p> <p>A. Members requested that the following information be circulated to them before the next meeting on 18 January 2006:</p> <p>(i) details of numbers and staff transferred from Districts; (ii) details of expenditure which used to be incurred or funded by Districts, and the likely impact of cessation of that expenditure (iii) details of policy on provision of dropped kerbs to assist disabled users and any difference in policy still existing between Districts; (iv) a breakdown of the current estimate of costs of Re-shaping Kent Highways</p> <p>ACTIONS: Mr P Raine; Dr AW Jefford; Mrs S Stoneham.</p> <p>B. The Committee also concluded that:</p> <p>(i) Cabinet be urged to ensure that savings arising from Re-shaping Kent Highways should be re-invested within Kent Highways.</p> <p>ACTION: Leader and Cabinet ; at Cabinet 9 January the Leader said that he supported this in principle</p>

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		<p><i>and would confirm within the overall Budget approval process for 2006/07.</i></p> <p>(ii) The Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste be requested to adopt a process for the development of new countywide highways policies which allows all Members of the County Council to be fully involved.</p> <p>ACTION: Mr Ferrin; Dr Jefford; at Cabinet 9 January the Leader said this was very much in line with the principles of "Going Local" and would be considered at the next meeting of the IMG Reviewing KCC's Constitution.</p>
	<p>C2 Local Government Franchising: Commissioning and Governance of Inter-Authority Partnership Unit</p>	<p>Mr K Ferrin and Mr K Skinner were thanked for explaining the IAPU in more detail and for answering Members' questions.</p> <p>1. Members requested that a glossary of terms be circulated to assist their understanding of the report to Cabinet.</p> <p>ACTION: Kevin Skinner. COMPLETED 21/12 05. Glossary provided by Kevin Skinner and sent to Members.</p> <p>2. The Committee noted the information provided by Mr Ferrin and Mr Skinner, and concluded that it wished to maintain a watching brief on the establishment of a company limited by guarantee to bid for KCC's LGF Contract and the contracting-out of the IAPU.</p> <p>ACTION: CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>

Select Committee Topic Reviews – Agreed Programme and Status Report to
January 2006

Table 2

Policy Overview Committee/ Topic Review/Chair	Full programme and topics reviewed after POCs in July 2005, agreed at POCC in August 2005, and endorsed by Cabinet in September 2005.
<p><i>Education and Libraries:</i> Primary School Attainment</p> <p>Home-School Transport Mr J LAW</p>	<p>Commences April 2006 (Research Officer tba)</p> <p>Commences December 2005 (Research Officer: Gaetano Romagnuolo, ADP); due to report in April 2006.</p>
<p><i>Social Care and Community Health:</i> Gypsy and Traveller Sites MR J FULLARTON</p> <p>Learning Disabilities (Informal Member Group) MRS A ALLEN</p>	<p>Commenced August 2005; report by end of March 2006 (Research Officer:Sara Turnbull)</p> <p>Commenced August 2005; report due by end of January 2006 (Research Officer: Pippa Cracknell)</p>
<p><i>Strategic Planning:</i> Climate Change relating to Kent and surrounding areas</p>	<p>Starts January 2006 (Research Officer: Sara Turnbull)</p>
<p><i>NHS Overview and Scrutiny OSC</i> Preventing Diseases through Physical Activity MR M R FITTOCK</p>	<p>Commenced August 2005; report due by end of May 2006 (Research Officer: Abigail Hill)</p>

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