

REPORT TO: CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 15 March 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 15 February 2006. The report includes subsequent responses and actions by Cabinet Members and Senior Officers up to and including the meeting of Cabinet held on 6 March 2006.
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 monthly progress statement for 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 15 February 2006 as set out in Table 1,
 - (ii) the present position on Select Committee Topic Reviews.

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Table 1

ACTIONS FOR CABINET/DIRECTORATES FROM CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 15 FEBRUARY 2006

	Item/Issue	Actions and Outcomes from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
	A2 Minutes of CSC Meetings 18 January and 1 February 2006	The minutes of both meetings were agreed.
	A3 Informal Member Group: The Youth Offending Service Business Plan	<p>Minutes of the IMG meeting held on 10 January 2006 (Mr C Hart (chairman) , Mr J Fullarton, and Mr G Rowe) were noted and the recommendations of the IMG to the Cabinet Member for Communities were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="618 926 1356 1024">(i) that the structure of the new Communities Directorate be implemented quickly in order to avoid disruption of services; <li data-bbox="618 1024 1356 1220">(ii) consideration be given to taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the creation of the new Directorate to co-ordinate and increase the provision of diversionary activities for young people in the areas of greatest need; <li data-bbox="618 1220 1356 1388">(iii) greater attention should be given by all agencies concerned on meeting the needs of young people with mental health difficulties in order to improve the YOS performance against mental health targets <li data-bbox="618 1388 1356 1514">(iv) greater emphasis should be placed on providing appropriate educational and training opportunities to meet the needs of YOS clients.
	A4 Informal Member Group on County Asylum-Seekers and Refugees Business Plan	<p>Minutes of the IMG meeting held on 12 January 2006 (Mrs M Newell (chair) Mrs M Featherstone and Mr C Wells) were noted and the recommendations were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="618 1829 1356 1892">(i) The Managing Director of Children, Families and Education be urged to ensure that all the

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		<p>posts within the Unit's structure chart are filled, enabling it to keep a tight grip on finance and information;</p> <p>(ii) KCC Cabinet be requested to urge the Home Office to publish Final Grant rules before the end of the financial year concerned.</p>
	<p>A5 Informal Member Group (IMG) on Budgetary Issues 2 February 2006</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February were noted.</p>
	<p>A6 Cabinet Scrutiny Committee- Outcomes and Actions to February 2006</p>	<p>The report was noted, following which the Chairman, Dr Eddy raised a number of questions relating to the Terms of Reference and timescale, and selection of witnesses for the Select Committee Topic Review on Home-School Transport.</p> <p>Following discussion,</p> <p>(i) the Chairman of the Select Committee, Mr J Law, pointed out that it would have been helpful to know of these issues beforehand, since the period for gathering of evidence was now closed;</p> <p>(ii) Paul Wickenden, Overview and Scrutiny Manager, agreed to raise the issues of work programme and staff at the IMG on the Constitution which was due to meet on 16 February 2006. (THIS WAS DONE)</p>
	<p>C1 Review of Regional Economic Strategy for South-East England 2006-2016: Consultation Document</p>	<p>Mr J Davies, Lead Member for Regeneration, and Mr P Raine, Managing Director, for Environment and Regeneration, attended and answered Members' questions. Following this, the Committee resolved as follows:</p> <p>(i) to thank Mr Davies and Mr Raine for attending and answering the Committee's questions;</p> <p>(ii) to welcome Mr Davies' offer to make SEEDA aware of the importance of Dover as a premier port and the impact of heavy traffic on Kent's road network, and for CSC to be sent a copy of the letter approved by Mr Gibbens;</p>

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		(iii) to establish what could be done to strengthen Building Regulations where they relate to safeguarding of the environment and sustainable water/energy management; this to be referred to the forthcoming Select Committee looking at Climate Change.
	C2 Medium Term Plan 2006-2009 and Draft Budget 2006-2007	In view of the forthcoming County Council meeting scheduled for 20 February, the Committee agreed not to discuss this item.
	C3 Turner Contemporary (Decision 06/00773)	Mr M Hill (Cabinet Member for Communities) and Mr M Evans, Project Director, attended for this item and answered Members' Questions. After extensive discussion, Members of the Committee recommended as follows: (i) that Mr Hill and Mr Evans be thanked for attending and for answering Members' questions; (ii) that Communities Policy Overview Committee keep a 6-monthly monitor of the project, with particular emphasis on critical path analysis and reporting, and report back as appropriate; (iii) that Mr Hill and Mr Evans provide regular consultation and information flow to Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, and that the outcomes of local consultation be reported back; (iv) that regular briefings be provided for KCC's Thanet Local Board and Thanet DC Members.

Select Committee Topic Reviews – Agreed Programme and Status Report to March 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 Home-School Transport Mr J LAW</p>	<p>Commences April 2006 (Research Officer tba)</p> <p>Commenced 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 Learning Disabilities (Informal Member Group) MRS A ALLEN</p>	<p>Commenced August 2005; report by end of May 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</p>	<p>Started March 2006 (Research Officer: Sara Turnbull)</p>
<p><i>NHS Overview and Scrutiny OSC</i> Preventing Disease 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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