

REPORT TO: CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 31 May 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 3 May 2006. The report includes subsequent responses and actions by Cabinet Members and Senior Officers up to and including the meeting of Cabinet held on 22 May 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 3 May 2006 as set out in Table 1,
 - (ii) the present position on Select Committee Topic Reviews.

ACTIONS FOR CABINET/DIRECTORATES FROM CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 May 2006

	Item/Issue	Actions and Outcomes from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
	A2 Minutes CSC Meeting 15 March 2006	<p><i>The minutes of the meeting were agreed.</i></p> <p><i>NO FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED</i></p>
	A3 Informal Member Group on Budgetary Issues 20 April 2006	<p>Minutes of the IMG meeting held on 20 April 2006 were agreed.</p> <p>NO FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED</p>
	A4 “Kent What Price Growth” IMG Meeting 24 April 2006	<p><i>The notes of the meeting were circulated and noted. There was a short discussion on the issue of Planning Gain Supplement, and whether there was a relationship between the generation of gain and provision of facilities. The issue of sustainable drainage systems in new developments was also raised.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman commented that the matter of Planning Gain was currently under discussion by Government; he also suggested that Members of the Committee visit a recent Hill-Reed Development and speak to residents about the design/effectiveness of the built systems.</i></p> <p><i>ACTIONS: Mr Ballard/CSC Members</i></p>
	A5 Cabinet Scrutiny Committee 15 March 2006: Actions and Outcomes	<p><i>The report was noted.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to Table 2, Select Committee Topic Review programme, Mr Wale commented that presentation and public feedback on the “Global Warming” topic review had taken place at Local Boards in Dartford, Canterbury and Thanet in recent weeks; the Thanet LB had been particularly well-attended. A further presentation was to be made to Shepway LB on 22 May 2006.</i></p>
	A6 Forward Plan of Key Decisions	<p><i>Mr G Wild, Director of Law and Governance, attended for this item and responded to issues raised by Members in discussion of the paper summarising KCC’s Constitutional position regarding the Forward Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Following a lengthy discussion, Members resolved that:</i></p> <p><i>(i) Mr Wild be thanked for his helpful comments.</i></p>

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		<p>(ii) Officers be requested to review the operation of the Forward Plan and report back to the June meeting. The review to include the following issues:-</p> <p>(a) trying to give greater clarity to the definition of Key Decision used by the County Council;</p> <p>(b) exploring the possibility of including in the Forward Plan particularly important Decisions which fall outside the definition of Key Decisions</p> <p>(c) providing a meaningful summary of each item included in the Forward Plan;</p> <p>(d) considering the possibility of making the latest edition of the Forward Plan a standing item on Cabinet Scrutiny Committee agendas.</p> <p><i>ACTIONS: Cabinet Scrutiny Members/Officers in Democratic Services</i></p>
	<p>A7 Business Plans</p>	<p>After a short discussion Members agreed that the following Business Plans be examined by Informal Groups of Members:</p> <p>(i) Public Health (CED)</p> <p>(ii) Clusters (CFE)</p> <p>(iii) Supporting People (AS)</p> <p><i>ACTION: Cabinet Members/Directorates when dates have been agreed.</i></p>

Select Committee Topic Reviews – Agreed Programme and Status Report to May 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>Programme under review</p> <p>Commenced December 2005 (Research Officer: Gaetano Romagnuolo, ADP); accepted with full support of Cabinet 24 April 2006; progressing to County Council 25 May 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 to Cabinet May 2006 (Research Officer: Sara Turnbull)</p> <p>Commenced August 2005; reported to Adult Services POC 25 April 2006 (Research Officer: Pippa Cracknell)</p>
<p><i>Strategic Planning:</i></p> <p>Climate Change MR C WELLS</p>	<p>Started March 2006.</p> <p>Hearings and parallel presentations to Local Boards at Dartford and Canterbury, in March, Thanet LB in April, and Shepway LB in May.</p> <p>Due to report by September 2006. (Research Officers: Sara Turnbull and Chris Cooper)</p>
<p><i>NHS Overview and Scrutiny OSC</i></p> <p>Preventing Disease through Physical Activity MR M R FITTOCK</p>	<p>Commenced August 2005; report due by end of July 2006 (Research Officer: David Turner)</p>

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