

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Regeneration and Economic Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 8 July 2010

Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on Select Committee work going on in 2010.

Current Select Committees

1. (1) Previous update reports promised that all POSCs would be kept up to date on the work of all Select Committees. Work is currently progressing on the following Select Committees:-

Renewable Energy

(2) This Committee has now completed its evidence gathering, having sought a wide range of written evidence and held seven hearing sessions, in which it interviewed contributors including representatives from the energy industry, community groups, environmental organisations, academics and others. The Committee has also visited sites, attended a conference and issued a questionnaire to all Kent schools to ascertain the existing level of renewable energy generation. By the time of this meeting, it will have drafted and agreed its recommendations, and its final report will be prepared for consideration by the County Council on 14 October 2010. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Committee are Research Officer Sue Frampton (01622 694993) and Democratic Services Officer Christine Singh (01622 694334).

Extended Services

(3) This Committee has completed its evidence gathering and, by the time of this meeting, will have drafted and agreed its recommendations. In eight hearing sessions, the Committee interviewed representatives from KCC Directorates, head teachers and pupils from schools and colleges across Kent, governors, external companies delivering extended services, academics and a parents' organisation. It also visited sites at which innovative extended services are being delivered. Its final report will be prepared for consideration by the County Council on 9 December 2010. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Committee are Research Officer Gaetano Romagnuolo (01622 694292) and Democratic Services Officer Theresa Grayell (01622 694277).

Future Select Committee Work

2. (1) Work is due to start later in 2010 on the following Select Committees:-

- Educational Attainment of Pupils and Schools in Areas of High Deprivation
- Dementia

(2) If Members have any suggestions of topics they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future topic review work programme, they should contact the Democratic Services Officer for this POSC.

Recommendation

3. (1) Members are asked to note the progress of the Renewable Energy and Extended Services Select Committees and the further Select Committee work which is planned to start later in 2010.

(2) Members are also asked to consider if there are any topics they would like to put forward for possible inclusion in the future topic review work programme, and to advise the Democratic Services Officer of any such topics.

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Background Information: *Nil*

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