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To: Cabinet – 12 July 2010

Subject: Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 23 June 2010

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the decisions from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and invites a response from Cabinet.

Introduction

1. The Leader has agreed the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the following meeting of the Cabinet for a response. The responses will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. The decisions from the meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 23 June 2010 are set out in the Appendix to this paper.

Recommendation

3. That Cabinet agree responses to these decisions, which will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.

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Background Information: *Nil*

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 23 June 2010**Title:****1. Revenue and Capital Budget Outturn 2009-10, Roll Forward and Key Activity Indicators****2. Response to Government Savings Announcement; The Impact on Revenue and Capital Budgets 2010-11****Purpose of Consideration:**

1. To question the Cabinet Member for Finance and Officers on the Budget outturn report. The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education was also present to discuss the funding issues with academies with Members of the Committee.
2. To discuss with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Officers the Council's revisions to the in-year budgets to deliver the required savings

Guests: Mr Simmonds, Ms Carey, Ms McMullan, Mr Wood,
Mrs Hohler, Mr Abbott**Decisions**

The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee:

1. Thank Mr Simmonds, Ms Carey, Ms McMullan and Mr Wood for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions
2. Thank Mrs Hohler and Mr Abbott for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions
3. Welcome the assurance of the Cabinet Member for Finance that further details of the proposals to address revenue grant reductions would be released as soon as possible and in time for the next round of Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings
4. Thank the Director of Finance for agreeing to provide the long list of options available to the County Council to address the revenue grant reductions.

Cabinet Member Response: The Cabinet Member for Finance confirmed that the information requested will be supplied to Members.

Title: The Future of Older Person's Provision in Kent County Council

Purpose of Consideration: To discuss the Cabinet's decision to go out to consultation on the Future of Older Persons' Provision in KCC

Guests: Mr G Gibbens, Mr O Mills, Ms C Highwood

Decisions

The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee:

1. Thank Mr Gibbens, Mr Mills and Ms Highwood for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions
2. Request that Members are more closely involved in the process as it unfolds
3. Ask that as much notice as possible be given of future consultations
4. Express severe concern about the completeness of the information provided to Cabinet and Cabinet Scrutiny Committee around this decision and ask that the additional information requested by the Committee be made available for the meeting of the Adult Social Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Friday 25 June.

Cabinet Member Response:

2. All KCC members were invited to attend ASSPOSC on 25 June, to get a full briefing on the proposals. All local members have been invited to meetings during the two weeks beginning 21 June to understand in greater depth the proposals as they affect the home(s) in their district. A further Member briefing is scheduled for the afternoon of 26 July. The consultation lasts until 1 November, and the communication plan (tabled at Cabinet Scrutiny) proposes "a Member briefing on progress and initial findings from Consultation Meetings" for mid July. If any Member wishes further to discuss the proposals the Cabinet Member and the Directorate will be happy to respond.

3. This is agreed. In consultations around services such as those concerned the timing of consultation meetings also has to take account of the need to inform service users and their families. It is therefore a balance between limiting the length of time between the proposal becoming public and the meeting to discuss the proposal in full taking place in order to limit the time during which anxieties can build; and providing sufficient advance notice of that meeting to meet Members' needs.

4. A full presentation was made at ASSPOSC on 25 June. Further questions will be responded to as and when they arise