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To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 21 July 2010

Subject: Follow up items and Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee –
23 June 2010

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the decisions from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and items which the Committee has raised previously for follow up

Introduction

1. This is a rolling schedule of information requested previously by the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. If the information supplied is satisfactory it will be removed following the meeting, but if the Committee should find the information to be unsatisfactory it will remain on the schedule with a request for further information.
3. The decisions from the meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 23 June 2010 are set out in the table below along with the response of the relevant Cabinet Member.

Recommendation

3. That the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee notes the responses to the issues raised previously.

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Background Information: *Nil*

	Issue	Response
10.12.08	Highways Business Plan IMG 02.12.08 - A list of gully schedules be supplied to all Members after the elections	In July Members will be supplied with specimen gully emptying schedules following the completion of route optimisation work for gulleys countywide. When all this is complete, gully emptying schedules will be available. This information has been requested.
09.12.09	Kent Design Guide	A residential parking workshop was held on 14 April 2010. Mr Chard, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste has agreed to review current Government parking guidelines, the outcomes of the workshop on residential parking guidelines in the Kent Design Guide, and Kent Developers Group proposals so that they are not unnecessarily disadvantaged. A report will be presented to Environment Highways and Waste Policy and Overview Committee on this issue at its meeting on 29 July 2010.
10.02.10	Mr Horne asked that when it became known, Members be informed of the level of funding package which the Government was offering to Kent County Council in relation to the transfer of the Learning and Skills Council Service.	When this information is known Members will be informed.
09.04.10	Kent Digital Service - Thank Mr Gough and Mrs Oliver for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions; - Ask that a note be provided once the staff consultation period has finished, explaining the process in terms of what was undertaken, why it was undertaken in that way and the cost of the process; - Ask that a copy of the legal advice regarding the need to use TUPE be provided.	The Cabinet Member for Corporate Support Services and Performance Management has agreed that this information will be supplied to all Members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee. Further discussions are taking place between the Chairman, Spokespeople of the Committee and the Cabinet Member.
23.06.10	Response to Government Savings Announcement; The impact on Revenue and Capital Budgets 2010 - 11 1. 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	The Cabinet Member for Finance confirmed that this information would be supplied to Members.

	<p>meetings</p> <p>2. 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.</p>	<p>Information relating to the reductions in revenue and capital grants was circulated to Members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 12 July 2010.</p>
<p>23.06.10</p>	<p>The Future of Older Persons' Provision in Kent County Council</p> <p>2. Request that Members are more closely involved in the process as it unfolds</p> <p>3. Ask that as much notice as possible be given of future consultations</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. A full presentation was made at ASSPOSC on 25 June. Further questions will be responded to as and when they arise</p>