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To: Vulnerable Children and Partnerships Children, Families &
Education Policy & Scrutiny Overview Committee

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Subject: Summary of Verbal Update

- The renegotiation of the last two years of the Connexions contract has commenced with the Connexions Kent and Medway Board.
- Work has been undertaken to determine outcomes for children whose parent(s) are in the armed forces in Kent.
- Work has begun to assess ways to reduce the high cost of placements of some vulnerable children in Kent through appropriate commissioning and decommissioning as may be necessary.
- Support has been provided for initial meetings of Local Children's Trust and Head Teacher meetings.
- Following an administrative error, the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) has now confirmed that Kent is still within the pilot for complaints against (all) schools, if satisfaction is not achieved through Governing Body consideration. I.e. the Local Authority will no longer discharge this role.