CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23 JULY 2008

Report Title: Working Neighbourhood Fund for Thanet

Document Attached: Presentation to Cabinet, 14 July 1008 and

Department of Communities and Local Government press release dated 30 November

2007.

Purpose of Consideration: The Working Neighbourhoods Fund was

announced as part of the provisional Local Government Finance settlement towards the end of last year and is designed as a new dedicated fund for local Councils and communities to develop more concentrated, concerted, community-led approaches to getting people in the most deprived areas of England back to work. It replaces the existing Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and incorporates the Department of Work and Pensions

Deprived Areas Fund (DAF).

Thanet did not previously qualify for NRF but has qualified for an allocation under the Working Neighbourhoods Fund and will receive

£1,012,404m this year.

The purpose of the matter being considered at the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee is to discuss the proposals for the ongoing monitoring and impact of

these important additional funds for Thanet.

Possible Decisions: As this presentation to Cabinet was simply for

noting, the Committee may either:-

(a) make no comments; or

(b) make suggestions to the Cabinet about how

this matter should be progressed.

Previous Consideration: None.

Background Documents: None.