

By: Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership

To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2008

Subject: Response from Cabinet to the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 23 July 2008

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the response from the Cabinet meeting on 15 September to decisions from the last Cabinet Scrutiny Committee meeting on 23 July 2008.

Introduction

1. It was reported at the meeting of this Committee on 23 April 2008 that the Leader had agreed that the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee would be reported to the following meeting of the Cabinet for a response.

2. The decisions from the meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 23 July 2008 were reported to the Cabinet meeting on 15 September 2008 and the response from Cabinet is set out in the table attached as an Appendix to this report.

Recommendation

3. That responses from Cabinet to the decision made at the meeting of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 23 July be noted.

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Background Information: *Nil*

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Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Exception Report; impact of the current economic situation on the Council and roll forward of remaining 2007/08 underspend	To question the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Educational Achievement, the Director of Finance and the Director, Finance and Corporate Services (CFE) about the justification for the proposed virements in the recommendations to the report.	1. The Committee endorsed the proposed virements and base budget adjustment within the Children, Families and Educational Achievement portfolio.	Cabinet noted the Committee's decision
Working Neighbourhood Fund for Thanet	To discuss the proposals for the ongoing monitoring and impact of these important additional funds for Thanet	1. The Committee welcomes the additional monies being invested in Thanet through the Working Neighbourhood Fund. 2. The Committee is of the view that the key to the delivery of a successful programme is having clear objectives that are closely monitored to ensure ultimate success and asks, therefore, that regular progress reports are prepared and submitted to the relevant Policy Overview Committees, commenting on the impact of the WNF strategy and partner contributions.	Cabinet noted the Committee's decision

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Contract involving KCC in the management of motorways and trunk roads in Kent, Surrey and Sussex	To question the proposals, with particular reference to ensuring that the proposals have a positive impact on the maintenance of Kent's roads.	1. The Committee agreed that an Informal Member Group (1:1:1) be formed to discuss the matter in greater detail, with a report back being submitted to the Committee's next meeting in September 2008. (Note: The Committee did not require any reconsideration of the Cabinet Member's decision to form a joint venture company with Jacobs and Ringway, should the joint tender submission be successful)	Cabinet noted the Committee's decision