

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Environment and Regeneration Policy Overview Committee  
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Subject: Select Committees – Update

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Summary: This report updates Members on the Select Committee Topic Review programme.

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### **Select Committee: Accessing Democracy**

1. This Select Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs Angell has produced its report which was considered by Cabinet on 15 September 2008. For copies of the Executive Summary and/or the report please contact Angela Evans on 01622 221876 or email [angela.evans@kent.gov.uk](mailto:angela.evans@kent.gov.uk)

### **Select Committee: Future Rail Services in Kent**

2. The Select Committee for Future Rail Services in Kent under the Chairmanship of Miss S Carey is currently gathering evidence. The work of this Committee will be concluded in December.

### **Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee**

3. The Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee met on 10 September 2008 to discuss the topic review programme and other issues including, publishing and launching Select Committee topic review reports and programming of POCs in 2009. The outcomes from this meeting were:-

- (a) A draft protocol for publicising Select Committee Topic reviews was approved this will be submitted to Selection and Member Services for approval to pass it to the County Council so that it can be embedded in the Constitution.
- (b) A suggested process for launching Select Committee topic reviews via County Council was agreed and is to be discussed with the Chairman of the County Council and Cabinet prior to consideration at Selection and Member Services Committee.
- (c) The Chairman and Spokesmen agreed to meet informally to discuss Member capacity to cover the number of ad-hoc Member Committees and Select Committees which were not part of the agreed work programme and report back to the February 2009 meeting of the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee.

## **Recommendation**

4. Recommended that the update be noted.

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