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To: Cabinet – 13 October 2008

Subject: Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2008

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: This report sets out the decisions from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and invites a response from Cabinet.

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### **Introduction**

1. The Leader has agreed the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the following meeting of the Cabinet for a response. The responses will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. The decisions from the meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 24 September 2008 are set out in the Appendix to this paper.

### **Recommendation**

3. That Cabinet agree responses to these decisions, which will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.

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## Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2008

Title	Purpose of Consideration	Invitees	Decisions
<b>Autumn Budget Statement</b>	To question the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance about the key conclusions arising from this report, with particular regard to the financial planning risks	<b>Mr A King</b> , Deputy Leader of the Council, <b>Mr N J D Chard</b> , Cabinet Member for Finance; <b>Mr P Gilroy</b> , Chief Executive and <b>Ms L McMullan</b> , Director of Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In light of the current global economic situation and the totality of resources available for KCC services between now and 2011, we share the concerns of the Cabinet about the need to continue to closely monitor the effects on the performance of the authority</li> <li>2. We express our concern about the recent and impending departures of a number of senior managers in terms of the ability of the authority to continue to deliver high quality, value for money services to the residents of Kent in the immediate and medium term.</li> <li>3. With regard to the Highways Service in particular, we ask that all Members be advised as a matter of urgency what the managerial arrangements for the service are and, in particular, to whom enquiries should enquiries and complaints from elected Members about the highways service be directed.</li> <li>4. We welcome the assurances received</li> </ol>

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			<p>during the meeting that, in light of the serious financial turmoil, both nationally and internationally, that the budget and policies of the Council would be subject to radical review and we particularly welcome the commitment to involve Policy Overview Committees in that process.</p> <p>5. We ask the IMG on Budgetary Issues to continue to pay close attention to the quarterly exception reports, with particular regard to the achievement of key objectives and the major risks to service delivery and to refer any concerns to this Committee for further examination and scrutiny</p>
<b>Revenue and Capital Budgets, Key Activity and Risk Monitoring</b>	<p>To question the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance about the key conclusions arising from this report, with particular regard to the key activities and risk monitoring</p>	<p><b>Mr A King</b>, Deputy Leader of the Council, <b>Mr N J D Chard</b>, Cabinet Member for Finance; <b>Mr P Gilroy</b>, Chief Executive and <b>Ms L McMullan</b>, Director of Finance</p>	<p><u>(The Committee agreed a single set of resolutions with regard to this and the previous item. See above)</u></p>

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<b>Review of Specialist Unit and Designated provision in mainstream schools – update – lead school implementation</b>	To consider the monitoring arrangements for the review.	The Chairman and Spokespersons agreed that there was no need for the attendance of any officer or Cabinet Member for this item.	We ask the Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee to consider this matter to ensure that the progress on the Unit Review in lead schools is closely monitored to ensure successful outcomes for all children and young people
<b>Outcome of formal consultation and the modernisation of East Kent informal mental health day services</b>	To discuss the consultation process and consider monitoring arrangements.	The Chairman and Spokespersons agreed that there was no need for the attendance of any officer or Cabinet Member for this item.	We ask the Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee to consider this matter to ensure that the future provision of these vital services is maintained to the highest possible standard and that the impact on the dependency on statutory social services is closely monitored.