

By: Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership

To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 22 October 2008

Subject: Response from Cabinet to the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 24 September 2008

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the response from the Cabinet meeting on 13 October to decisions from the last Cabinet Scrutiny Committee meeting on 24 September 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 24 September 2008 were reported to the Cabinet meeting on 13 October 2008 and the response from Cabinet is set out in the table attached as an Appendix to this report.

Recommendation

That responses from Cabinet to the decision made at the meeting of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 24 September be noted.

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Background Information: *Nil*

Appendix 1

Title	Purpose of Consideration	Decisions	Response from Cabinet
Autumn Budget Statement	<p>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</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. 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 	<p>Decision 2: The Cabinet commented on this decision and an update will be given at the meeting.</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the other decisions relating to the Autumn Budget Statement.</p>

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		<p>service be directed.</p> <p>4. We welcome the assurances received 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>	
Revenue and Capital Budgets, Key Activity and Risk Monitoring	<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</p>	<p><u>(The Committee agreed a single set of resolutions with regard to this and the previous item. See above)</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet noted the Committee's decision.</p>

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	to the key activities and risk monitoring		
Review of Specialist Unit and Designated provision in mainstream schools – update – lead school implementation	To consider the monitoring arrangements for the review.	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	The Cabinet noted the Committee's decision.
Outcome of formal consultation and the modernisation of East Kent informal mental health day services	To discuss the consultation process and consider monitoring arrangements.	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.	The Cabinet noted the Committee's decision.