

By: Overview and Scrutiny Manager

To: Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee –
29 January 2008

Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on recently-completed and proposed future Select Committee work.

Select Committee: Carers in Kent

1. (1) The Select Committee report was considered by the full Cabinet on 3 December and County Council on 13 December. The County Council thanked the Select Committee for producing a relevant and balanced report, and resolved unanimously that the report be submitted through the Association of Directors of Social Services as part of the current consultation exercise on the New Deal for Carers.

Select Committee: Transitional Arrangements

2. (1) The Informal Member Group convened to undertake a piece of focused work around some of the key issues raised by the Select Committee has been delayed in moving ahead with its work, and its progress will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

Select Committee: Gypsy and Traveller Sites

3. (1) The Select Committee met for the last time on 29 November to review progress on the few outstanding recommendations on which it had not been possible to move forward. The Select Committee has now successfully completed its work, which has been an example of good productive constructive joint working between the County and its District partners.

Future Work Programme

4. (1) A proposal for a Select Committee topic review on Autism will be submitted to the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee on 14 February 2008. Members are asked to support this proposal as this Committee's contribution to the ongoing Select Committee work programme.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:-

- (a) note that the Carers in Kent Select Committee report was considered by the full Cabinet on 3 December and the County Council on 13 December 2007, and was well received by both;
- (b) note that the work of the Transitional Arrangements Informal Member Group will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee;
- (c) note that the Select Committee on Gypsy and Traveller Sites successfully completed its work on 29 November 2007; and
- (d) support the proposal for a Select Committee Topic Review on the subject of Autism, which is being put forward to the meeting of the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee on 14 February 2008 as this Committee's contribution to the ongoing Select Committee work programme.

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