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Summary:

In September 2006, KCC set itself 63 challenging and ambitious targets in the *Towards 2010* plans for Kent. The first *Towards 2010* Annual Report to County Council is attached for approval at this meeting.

FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION

1. Introduction

In September 2006 we launched our priorities for the next four years (2006- 2010). *Towards 2010* sets out how we will achieve the following overarching goals over this period:

- Increased prosperity for Kent through business growth and job creation
- Transformation in education
- Reduced congestion
- Improved health and quality of life
- Quality homes in a well-managed environment
- A safer Kent
- Continued improvements in services while keeping council tax down.

Delivery of many of the 63 *Towards 2010* targets requires cross-directorate and partnership working. Each of the *Towards 2010* targets is accompanied by a public action plan on KCC's website that sets out how it will be met, and which will be updated on a regular basis.

2. Input by Policy Overview Committees

An earlier draft of the Annual Report was presented to all five Policy Overview Committees (POCs) for comment in late September. This was felt to be an extremely valuable process for both Members and officers and the comments have helped to shape this final draft of the Annual Report for County Council.

3. Performance Indicators (PIs)

The Annual Report provides qualitative feedback on progress against each of the 63 targets. PIs are used to illustrate progress, where relevant. As discussed at the POC meetings, a few additional PIs are due to come on-stream in later annual reports when officers have finalised the development, and this is noted in the report against that target.

Members should note that data quality procedures underpin the PIs used in the Annual Report.

4. Future Annual Reports

As with the former *Next Four Year's* annual reporting process the *Towards 2010* reports will include a status designation to show the degree of progress made against each target from year two onwards.

5. Recommendations

County Council is asked to APPROVE the first *Towards 2010* Annual Report.

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