

By: Overview and Scrutiny Manager
To: Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee – 4 July 2007
Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on current Select Committee activity and future work arising from it.

Select Committee: Carers in Kent

1. (1) The membership of this Select Committee is now complete, and has elected Mr L Christie as Chairman. The Committee's evidence-gathering hearings will take place in July and August, with the final report being shared with the Cabinet Member on 6 November, considered by the Cabinet on 3 December and full County Council on 13 December 2007.

(2) An update on the progress of the Select Committee will be presented to the next meeting of this Committee.

Select Committee: Transitional Arrangements

2. (1) The Select Committee's final report and recommendations were considered by the full Cabinet at its meeting on 14 May 2007, being presented by Mr K G Lynes with Mr A H T Bowles (Chairman), Mr T A Maddison and Mr S J G Koowaree representing the Select Committee.

(2) Mr Lynes proposed that an Informal Member Group undertake a piece of focussed work around some of the key issues raised by the Select Committee, reporting initially to Dr T R Robinson and himself, and its findings be included as part of the overall report on the issue to the full County Council in Autumn 2007. This proposal was supported by the Leader and agreed by the Cabinet.

(3) The Managing Director of Kent Adult Social Services welcomed the report and its recommendations. He explained that an Executive Board of key partners had been established to develop an action plan to build on the work and recommendations of the Select Committee. The Managing Director of Children, Families and Education supported all that had been said and suggested that the report be formally referred to the Connexions Board and the Learning and Skills Council.

(4) An update on the progress of the Select Committee's recommendations and the work of the Informal Member Group will be presented to the next meeting of this Committee.

Select Committee: Gypsy and Traveller Sites

3. (1) The Select Committee on Gypsy and Traveller Sites, chaired by Mr J B O Fullarton, re-convened on 31 May 2007 to consider a report by the Managing Director of Kent Adult Social Services on progress made against each of its recommendations since the publication of its final report in May 2006. A copy of the officers' report is attached as Appendix 1, together with a copy of the minutes of the 31 May meeting as Appendix 2.

(2) The Select Committee resolved to meet again in late November 2007 to review progress against those recommendations on which it has not been possible to make any progress thus far. The outcome of this further meeting will be reported to this Committee.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note:-

- (a) that the Carers in Kent Select Committee will hold its evidence-gathering hearings in July and August, with the final report being shared with the Cabinet Member on 6 November, considered by the Cabinet on 3 December and full County Council on 13 December 2007.
- (b) that the report of the Transitional Arrangements Select Committee, 'Transition to a Positive Future', was warmly welcomed and supported by the Cabinet on 14 May 2007, and that an Informal Member Group will undertake a piece of focussed work around some of the key issues raised by the Select Committee, to be reported to the full County Council in Autumn 2007; and
- (c) that the Select Committee on Gypsy and Traveller Sites re-convened on 31 May 2007 to receive a report from officers on progress made against each of its recommendations, and will meet again in late November 2007 to review progress against those recommendations on which it had not been possible to make any progress thus far.

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