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Subject: *Towards 2010* – First Annual Report

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Summary:

In September 2006, KCC set itself 63 challenging and ambitious targets in the *Towards 2010* plans for Kent. This report attaches the current draft of the first *Towards 2010* Annual Report for comment and consideration by Cabinet prior to its submission to County Council for approval.

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.

The first Annual Report against *Towards 2010* is attached for Cabinet to consider prior to its presentation to Council for approval on 18 October 2007.

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 is to 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 the final draft of the Annual Report for County Council.

The updated draft of the Annual Report is attached, which is subject to final approval by the Leader.

It should be noted that the final version for County Council will be proof read and the layout standardised where needed.

3. Performance Indicators (PIs)

The Annual Report provides qualitative feedback on progress against each of the 63 targets. Outcome-based PIs, are used to illustrate progress, where relevant. As discussed at the POCs, 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

Cabinet is asked:

To NOTE progress against the 63 *Towards 2010* targets and the arrangements for publishing the Annual Report.

To RECOMMEND the final draft of the first *Towards 2010* Annual Report to County Council for approval on 18 October 2007.

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