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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 5 October 2012

Subject: New Governance Arrangements for Kent County Council – Review

Summary: The Committee are invited to consider and make suggestions on the structure of the debate at the County Council meeting on 25 October in reviewing the operation of the new governance arrangements introduced on 1 April 2012.

1. Introduction

In approving the new governance arrangements that came into operation on 1 April 2012, the County Council agreed at its meeting on 29 March 2012 to review the operation of the arrangements at its meeting on 25 October 2012.

2. Design of the new governance arrangements

Members are reminded that the new governance arrangements were designed to:

- (a) streamline the committee infrastructure;
- (b) make the decision making process more transparent and inclusive;
- (c) support Cabinet Members in making more effective and informed decisions;
- (d) provide non executive Members with a greater opportunity to shape the Council's policies and major decisions; and
- (e) have a cost neutral impact on the Members Allowances Scheme.

3 Recommendations

The Committee is invited to discuss and make suggestions on how the discussion and debate on the review of the new governance arrangements at the County Council meeting on 25 October 2012 should be structured

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