

REPORT TO: CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 25 July 2007
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CABINET SCRUTINY AND POLICY OVERVIEW
Standing Report to July 2007

Summary

1. The report summarises in Table 1 outcomes of the most recent Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (CSC) meeting held on 27 June 2007. Cabinet Members and Chief Officers were provided with a copy of the action sheet and asked to respond as appropriate. The report includes any subsequent responses and actions by Cabinet Members and Senior Officers up to and including the meeting of Cabinet held on 16 July 2007.
2. Additionally, in Table 2 the report provides an updated report on the current programme for Select Committee Topic Review. This programme was agreed at Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee on 7 June 2007.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to note:
 - (i) progress on actions and outcomes from the meeting of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee held on 27 June 2007 as set out in Table 1;
 - (ii) the current position on Select Committee Topic Reviews.
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ACTIONS FOR CABINET/DIRECTORATES FROM CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 27 June 2007

Item/Issue	Actions and Outcomes from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
A2 Minutes of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee 23 May 2007.	The minutes were agreed.
A3 Informal Member Group on Budgetary issues – 14 June 2007	The minutes were noted.
A4 Cabinet Scrutiny Committee: Standing Report to June 2007	Report was noted. Mr Wale explained the changes made to the Select Committee Topic Review Programme following the meeting of POCC on 7 June 2007.
D1 Decision in Forward Plan: 07/00990 Children’s Centres- Round Two – Next Six Sites Particularly Mongeham, Deal)	<p>Mr J D Simmonds, Cabinet Member for Education and School Improvement; Dr I Craig, Director of Operations; and Mrs A Gamby, Head of Early Years/Childcare; and Mrs J Smith, Project Manager, Children’s Centres, attended for this item.</p> <p>There was extensive questioning and discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy for Provision of Children’s Centres and Criteria for Site Selection • Processes for Phases 1, 2 and 3 for Kent Children’s Centres • Capital Funding • Revenue Funding and Services Provided • Consultation on site selection • Selection of the Mongeham (Deal) site • Selection of other sites-Grove Park Sittingbourne, Cliftonville West, Hythe, and White Oak Swanley. <p>Following discussion, Members of the Committee decided to take no further action.</p> <p>They thanked Officers and the Cabinet Member for attending and for offering to provide the following information to the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Details of representations made for the Children’s Centre to be located on the South Deal Site; (b) Details of old and new remits of Hythe Excellence/Children’s Centre (c) The flow chart on the process for identifying \children’s Centre Sites to include publication of the proposal in KCC’s Forward Plan.

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee: 16 July 2007
Table 2

Select Committee Topic Reviews:
Programme agreed at Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee 7 June 2007

Policy Overview Committee/ Topic Review/Chair	Current Topic Review status and other topics agreed for the period July 2007 to July 2008 *
<p>Children Families and Education :</p> <p>PSHE-Children's Health: Chair Ms CJ CRIBBON</p> <p>Developing the Creative Curriculum</p> <p>Young People's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development#</p> <p>Vulnerable Children</p>	<p>Inaugural meeting of the Select Committee was held on 5 October. Hearings and visits were held during November. The Select Committee report was accepted by Cabinet on 16 April 2007, and will be debated at full County Council on 24 July 2007. (Research Officer: Gaetano Romagnuolo)</p> <p>POCC agreed that this should remain in the work programme for 2008.*</p> <p># POCC suggested this topic could also be combined with aspects of Consultation and Participation with Children and Young People (Student Voice), and with Provision of Activities for Young People. In the work programme for 2008.</p> <p>POCC recommended this Topic Review should commence in Autumn 2007.</p>
<p>Corporate: Accessing Democracy</p>	<p>POCC recommended that this review should commence in Autumn 2007* Preliminary discussions have been held to assess how this work will compliment the work of the "Going Local" Informal Member Group.</p>
<p>Communities</p> <p>Student Voice –Consultation and Participation with Young People#</p> <p>Provision of Activities for Young People#</p>	<p>#See above; dates to be agreed.</p> <p>See above; dates to be agreed.</p>

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Communities Alcohol Misuse Chairman: MR J FULLARTON	Inaugural meeting held on 16 May 2007; Terms of Reference Agreed, Hearings will be held mid June to the end of July. The Select Committee will report to Cabinet on 3 December 2007. (Research Officer: Gaetano Romagnuolo)
Adult Services Carers in Kent: MR L CHRISTIE Transitional Arrangements for Young People: MR A BOWLES	Inaugural meeting of the Select Committee was held on 5 June 2007. Hearing sessions are being held in July/August 2007, with a report to Cabinet on 3 December 2007. (Research Officer: Phillipa Cracknell) Select Committee hearings commenced in October 2006 and were completed in December 2006. The Select Committee report was accepted by Cabinet on 14 May 2007. Cabinet agreed that Mr K Lynes and Dr T Robinson establish an Informal Member Group (to include a representative of the Select Committee) to consider how the recommendations may be taken forward. (Research Officer: Susan Frampton).
Environment and Regeneration Flood Risk: MRS S HOHLER	POCC agreed that this topic review should proceed as soon as possible with the objective of completing it by September 2007. Inaugural Meeting held 12 July 2007; further hearings throughout July and early August. (Research Officer: Susan Frampton)

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** Subject to formal agreement by Chairman and Spokespersons of POCC of Minutes of Meeting held 7 June 2007.*