

REPORT TO: CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 20 FEBRUARY 2007
BY: ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CABINET SCRUTINY AND POLICY OVERVIEW
Standing Report to February 2007

Summary

1. The report summarises in Table 1 outcomes of the most recent Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (CSC) meeting held on 24 January 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 8 February.
2. Additionally, in Table 2 the report provides an updated report on the current programme for Select Committee Topic Reviews. An update will be given at the meeting on any changes made by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee at its meeting on 15 February 2007.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to note:
 - (i) progress on actions and outcomes from the meeting of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee held on 24 January 2007 as set out in Table 1;
 - (ii) the current position on Select Committee Topic Reviews.
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Table 1

ACTIONS FOR CABINET/DIRECTORATES FROM CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 24 January 2007.

Item/Issue	Actions and Outcomes from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
A2 Minutes of Cabinet Scrutiny 13 December 2006	These were agreed.
A3 IMG on Budgetary Issues 11 January 2007	Noted.
A4 Cabinet Scrutiny Committee: Actions and Outcomes	Noted.
A5 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health: Implications for Overview and Scrutiny Functions in KCC	<p>Mr M. Ayre of the Chief Executive's Policy Unit attended and was thanked for answering questions on the paper he had prepared for the Committee.</p> <p>(a) Mr Smyth asked if there was anything in LGWP Implementation Plan about strengthening local democracy. Action: Martyn Ayre</p> <p>(b) The report be noted and referred to the Going Local Informal Member Group for consideration. Action: S Ballard/M Ayre; "Going Local" IMG</p>
C1 Commission for Social Care Inspection- Annual Performance Review Report for Adult Social Care	<p>Mr K Lynes, Mr O Mills and Mr N Sherlock attended for this item and were thanked for answering Members' questions relating to the report and appendices presented to Cabinet on 15 January 2007. After discussion, Members resolved as follows:</p> <p>(a) Details of programme for implementing Crisis Home Treatment Service across county to be supplied to Members. Action: Oliver Mills</p> <p>(b) The Committee place on record its thanks to staff of the Adult Services Directorate for their hard work and dedication which had helped secure for the County Council a 3 star rating for adult social care for the 5th year running. Action: Oliver Mills</p> <p>© The Managing Director, Adult Services, be asked to pursue with CSCI the Committee's concerns about publication of Part 2 of the Record of Performance Assessment, as follows:-</p> <p>(i) while the document was useful for Members and officers, the personal references and conversational</p>

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	<p>tone made it inappropriate for wider publication;</p> <p>(ii) use of the word “missing” in relation to the provision of information by KCC Adult Services was misleading and gave readers the incorrect impression that Adult Services was failing to meet CSCI’s requirements for the provision of information;</p> <p>(iii) in view of this CSCI be asked to remove Part 2 of the Record of Performance Assessment from its website forthwith. Action: Oliver Mills</p>
<p>D1 Replacement of Services at Dymchurch, Horsmonden and Whitfield Libraries (Decisions 06/00903; 06/00904; and 06/00905</p>	<p>Mr M Hill, Mr D Crilley and Ms S Sparks attended for this item and were thanked for answering Members’ questions. After discussion, Members agreed that:</p> <p>(a) Figures showing use of Dover Discovery Centre by residents of Whitfield to be circulated to Committee (Action: Sue Sparks)</p> <p>(b) Other statistics relating to usage of Dover, Horsmonden and Whitfield libraries (footfall, membership, visitors per hour, etc) to be circulated to Committee. (Action: Sue Sparks)</p> <p>(c) Decisions 06/00903-5 can now be implemented (Action: Democratic Services; Sue Sparks, Des Crilley)</p> <p>(d) The agreement by the Director of Libraries, Youth, Culture and Sport to incorporate in future reports on changes in the libraries service:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the views of the local Member; - the views of the local Parish Council; - greater range of usage statistics (eg footfall, membership, visitors per hour, etc - greater details of survey of users, etc (eg copy of survey and number sent to individual library users), be welcomed <p>(e) The Director of Libraries, Youth, Culture and</p>

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Table 1**

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	Sport be asked to explore alternative means of enabling people affected by the closure of Dymchurch, Horsmonden and Whitfield libraries to use public access computers (eg mobile library vehicle equipped with PCs). (Action: Des Crilley, Sue Sparks)
D2 A229 Royal Engineers Way/Stacey Street Roundabout, Maidstone (Decision 06/00916)	Mr K Ferrin and Mr D Hall attended for this item and were thanked for answering questions from the Committee, who concluded that: (a) Criteria for bus lanes to be circulated to Committee, (b) Decision 06/00916 can now be implemented (i) The report and the information provided at the meeting be noted without comment.

Table 2

**Select Committee Topic Reviews:
 Programme following Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee 15 February
 2007* (*Subject to confirmation of Minutes by Chairman and Spokespersons)**

Policy Overview Committee/ Topic Review/Chair	Current Topic Review status and other topics (in no particular order*) agreed for the period February 2007 to July 2008
<p><i>Children Families and Education :</i></p> <p>PSHE-Children's Health: Chair Ms CJ CRIBBON</p> <p>Developing the Creative Curriculum</p> <p>Primary School Attainment</p> <p>Young People's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development</p>	<p>Inaugural meeting of the Select Committee was held on 5 October. Hearings and visits were held during November. It is anticipated that the Select Committee report will be submitted to Cabinet in April 2007. (Research Officer: Gaetano Romagnuolo)</p> <p>Dates to be agreed*</p> <p>POCC agreed this topic review was being dealt with through a cross-party mechanism. It was therefore removed at the request of CFE POC.</p> <p>Dates to be agreed within 2007/08.</p>
<p><i>Communities</i></p> <p>Accessing Democracy</p> <p>Student Voice –Consultation and Participation with Young People</p> <p>Provision of Activities for Young People</p>	<p>Dates to be agreed* Preliminary discussions are being held to assess how this work will compliment the work of the "Going Local" Informal Member Group.</p> <p>Dates to be agreed.*</p> <p>Dates to be agreed.*</p>

<p>Communities/Public Health (to be agreed) Alcohol and Related Issues</p>	<p>To start in Spring 2007.</p>
<p>Adult Services</p> <p>Carers in Kent</p> <p>Transition from Childhood to Adulthood: MR A BOWLES</p>	<p>Dates confirmed as Spring to Autumn 2007.</p> <p>Inaugural meeting of the Select Committee was held on 9 October 2006; hearing sessions commenced on 26 October and are due to end on 20 December 2006. It is anticipated that the Select Committee report will be submitted to Cabinet in May 2007. (Research Officer: Susan Frampton).</p>
<p>Environment and Regeneration</p> <p>Impact of Supermarkets, Out of Town Shopping Malls and Retail Parks on Businesses in Kent</p>	<p>Dates to be agreed.*</p>

jhw/sc 19 February 2007

** Order to be agreed in consultation with POCC Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Liberal Democrat Spokesperson.*