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To: Cabinet – 12 January 2009

Subject: Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 10 December 2008

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: This report sets out the decisions from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and invites a response from Cabinet.

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### **Introduction**

1. The Leader has agreed the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the following meeting of the Cabinet for a response. The responses will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. The decisions from the meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 10 December 2008 are set out in the Appendix to this paper.

### **Recommendation**

3. That Cabinet agree responses to these decisions, which will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.

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Background Information: *Nil*

## Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 10 December 2008

Title	Purpose of Consideration	Invitees	Decisions	Cabinet Member Response
<b>Department for Communities and Local Government – Consultation Paper on the Codes of Conduct for Members and Employees</b>	To question the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Support and External Affairs and the Director of Personnel and Development on the Council's response to the proposed Code of Conduct for Employees and why this had not been discussed at Member level in the same way as the Members Code of Conduct	<b>Mr A King</b> , Cabinet Member for Corporate Support and External Affairs and <b>Ms A Beer</b> , Director of Personnel and Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms Beer and Mr King be thanked for attending the meeting to answer Members questions</li> <li>2. Members noted Mr King's welcome but belated offer that the proposed draft response to the DCLG consultation paper on a proposed model code of conduct for local government employees would be reported to an extraordinary meeting of the Personnel Committee.</li> <li>3. Members welcomed Mr King's offer of a briefing on the way in which consultations are tackled by Kent County Council.</li> </ol>	<p><b>The Cabinet Member asked for an additional meeting of the Personnel Committee as soon as he was aware that this aspect had not been dealt with.</b></p> <p><b>Members will be provided with a consultation briefing in the first quarter of the New Year.</b></p>
<b>Press Release 538/08 - £600 Million Schools Building Project</b>	To question the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Support and External Affairs and the Head of Communications and Media Centre on the composition, content and issuing of this press release	<b>Mr A King</b> , Cabinet Member for Corporate Support and External Affairs and <b>Ms J Clarke</b> , Head of Communications and Media Centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms Clarke and Mr King be thanked for attending the meeting to answer Members questions on the issuing of the press release.</li> <li>2. In light of the information provided at the meeting in response to questions the Committee agreed that they did not need to make any formal comments to Cabinet.</li> </ol>	