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To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 10 February 2009

Subject: Follow up items from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: This report sets out the items which the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee has raised previously for follow up

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### **Introduction**

1. This is a rolling schedule of information requested previously by the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. If the information supplied is satisfactory it will be removed following the meeting, but if the Committee should find the information to be unsatisfactory it will remain on the schedule with a request for further information.

### **Recommendation**

3. That the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee notes the responses to the issues raised previously.

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Background Information: *Nil*



	Issue	Response
10.12.08	<p>Highways Business Plan IMG 02.12.08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A list of gully schedules be supplied to all Members after the elections</li> <li>- The informal briefing on EDF given to Members by KHS Technical Services be repeated in the spring</li> </ul>	
22.10.08	<p>IMG on Managing Motorways and Trunk Roads in Kent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further advice be requested from Officers and the Cabinet Member when the results of the bidding process were known</li> <li>- Officers and the Cabinet Member report back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, including information on possible BVPIs, a year after the contract has commenced.</li> </ul>	Document detailing changes to original contract circulated to Members of CSC 13.11.08.
<b>21.01.09 – Kent 2010 Action Plan Target 35</b>	<p>Concerns in relation to Target 35: <i>Work with bus and train providers and lobby government to improve public transport services in Kent.</i> The report was out of date Members were still receiving a high level of complaints, particularly in relation to the cost of rail fares and the availability of rail services to central London early in the morning.</p>	Update document from KHS attached.
<b>21.01.09 - BSF</b>	<p><i>As the County Council has only committed to Wave 3 of the BSF Programme, we can only be certain of the amount we are putting into this Wave, which was £24.5m (approximately 10% of the Waves Capital spend).</i></p> <p>Whether KCC's contribution of £24.5m for Wave 3 included the value of relevant property assets that would</p>	The KCC contribution of £24.5m in respect of Wave 3 will be realised by the disposal of property assets. It does not all come from properties related to Wave 3 schools.

	be put back into the pot following completion of the Wave?	
<b>21.01.09 – Communications and Media</b>	Members to receive regular copies of the list of events produced by the Communications and Media Team.	Information requested
<b>21.01.09</b>	<p>Comms &amp; Media Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chief Executive's offer to give Members the opportunity to visit the IBM research facility in Hampshire</li> <li>- Chief Executive's offer to hold a seminar for Members on the 'Future of Communication'</li> <li>- Chief Executive's offer to give members of the IMG the opportunity to view the presentation on Access Kent</li> <li>- Chief Executive's offer that the two pilot schemes in Swale and West Malling should be presented to Members</li> <li>- Further details of translation services and their cost be provided to all Members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee</li> <li>- Briefing note on the report on the ways in which we consult with the public being prepared by Robert Hardy</li> <li>- Communications toolkit to be circulated electronically to all Members</li> <li>- Communications protocol in relation to the promotion of Council Services be circulated to all Members</li> <li>- Monitoring information relating to positive, neutral</li> </ul>	<p>Information requested</p> <p>Access Kent project being presented to Members of Corporate POC in March – other Members would be welcome to attend.</p>

	and negative press coverage is circulated to all Members through the Members' Information Bulletin	
<b>26.10.09</b>	Mr Ferrin to provide further information on the rules of the "Freedom Pass" particularly for 11 – 16 year olds who do not go to a KCC school but live in the administrative County of Kent.	All 11-16 year olds living and attending any school in Kent (KCC or otherwise) are eligible for a Freedom pass. Any child residing in Kent but attending school outside the County is not eligible.
<b>26.10.09</b>	Ms Beer to provide a note of COG bonuses and provide information on Calculation / impact of vacancy management savings.	Information requested
<b>26.10.09</b>	Further information on the increase to KCC pensions - 'by what rate will KCC pensions increase on 1 April' and is this linked to some index eg RPI'	This number is provided to us by the Treasury and it is normally the RPI from September to September. If this is adopted the increase would be 5%. We have yet to be formally notified.
<b>26.10.09</b>	Further information on the £1,500,000 in the budget (MTP pg 53) allocated to Additional Support to Children's Social Services	The intention is that this additional funding will be used to enhance the number of front line social workers and their necessary support staff. The exact implementation of this will be informed by the outcome of the review into Children's Safeguarding which has been commissioned by the Chief Executive.
<b>26.10.09</b>	further information on the cost of international development for 2009/10 (Budget Book page 16) (webcast 01:26:25)	This budget has transferred to policy and performance (vulnerable children) and is currently being managed by the head of this service. The budget for 2009/10 remains at the same level as 2008/09, i.e. £96k
<b>26.10.09</b>	Further information on the £1,966,000 rising to £2,531,000 (Budget Book pg 14) 'CFE Managing Director's Office and Democratic Services'	The increase of £565k from 2008-09 is entirely due to the Facilities Management budgets being devolved to service directorates from Chief Executives Department for the first time in 2009-10.