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To: Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee – 9 July 2014

Subject: **Verbal update by the Cabinet Members and Corporate Directors**

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The Committee is invited to note verbal updates on the following issues:-

**Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services - Mr P J Oakford**

1. Comprehensive set of meetings with senior officers and others, both within SCS and the wider organisation.
2. Started to work with officers on the Children's transformation and will continue to work towards ensuring that necessary reforms are implemented within budget.
3. Ofsted is on the horizon
4. Attended Bishop of Dover's reception to discuss adult and children's safeguarding
5. Visited the CRU and spent time with the various groups including time on the phones with a SSW.
6. Spent time with Newton Europe to gain a good understanding of the work they are doing with SCS and the challenges we face.
7. Interviewed and appointed a Staff Office
8. Attended the Coram Seminar in London
9. Attended the Adoption Summit in County Hall
10. Led a working group of senior officers and cabinet members to discuss the issue of social worker recruitment and retention

**Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing - Mr A Ireland**

1. Operation Lakeland
2. Children's Transformation
3. 0-25 Portfolio
4. Care Leavers

**Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health - Mr G K Gibbens**

1. 04 June attended Public Health Champions celebration event in Maidstone
2. 17 June attended West Kent Healthy Business Launch in Brands Hatch
3. 17 June attended Healthy Living Programme event in Wrotham

4. 9 July will attend Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing summit in Gravesend

**Acting Director of Public Health – Mr A Scott-Clark**

1. Update on transfer of Health Visiting Service
2. Teenage Pregnancy strategy development
3. Undertaking health needs assessment for Children in Care
4. Swale infant feeding task and finish group