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To: Scrutiny Committee – Tuesday 15 July 2014

Subject: Capacity of Highways Drainage System and its impact on Flood Risk Management

Summary: To seek information on the capacity of Highways Drainage System and its impact on flood risk management.

1. Background

- (1) At its meeting on 12 June 2014, this Committee considered a report detailing the work of the Kent Flood Risk Management Committee for the period May 2013 to March 2014, (attached at **Appendix A**). During the discussion of this item, the Committee considered that there was a lack of capacity in surface water drainage pipes and that this led to flooding in some areas. The understanding of the Committee in June was that the Cabinet report (for the July 2014 meeting) would deal with issues such as the clearing and replacement of pipes. . At its meeting on 7 July 2014, the Cabinet received a report entitled “Christmas/New Year 2013/14 Storms and Floods – Final Report”, which is attached at **Appendix B**. The Chairman and Spokespersons of this Committee noted that the report does not provide explicit information. Thus the Committee will re-consider this matter and invite the relevant Cabinet Member and officers to attend.
- (2) Mr D Brazier, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport an officer will be attending the meeting to answer questions from Members.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.** The Scrutiny Committee is invited to make comments for consideration by the Cabinet Member.

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