

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager
To: Communities Policy Overview Committee –25 March 2009
Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the work of the Select Committee on Provision of Activities for Young People and invites suggestions for future topic reviews .

Provision of Activities for Young People

1. (1) This Select Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr A Chell, have produced their final report which has been shared with Mr Hill, as Cabinet Member, Directorate representatives and other stakeholders. This report will be considered at the meeting of the Cabinet 30 March prior to it being received at County Council on 30 April. A copy of the executive summary of the report will be sent to Members by 20 March and the full version will be available on Kent.gov (<http://www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/democracy-and-elections/overview-and-scrutiny/select-committee-reports.htm>) from 20 March 2009 or by contacting Sue Frampton (sue.frampton@kent.gov.uk or 01622 694993).

(2) In accordance with the monitoring process for Select Committee reports, as set out in the Constitution, once this report has been considered at Cabinet an action plan should be submitted to the POC in July 2009 setting out how the recommendations are going to be taken forward, The Select Committee will be reconvened in March 2010 to receive a report on progress made with the recommendations which will be reported to the POC.

Suggestions for future Select Committee topic reviews

2. (1) The current Select Committee topic review programme is coming to an end and there is not sufficient time to commence any more reviews prior to the Elections in June 2009. However, it is important that topics are available to be considered early in the new Council so that a work programme can be approved and reviews started as soon as possible. No topics have so far been put forward from within this Committee's subject area, and any that Members may wish to suggest will need to be submitted very soon.

(2) Members are therefore requested to consider whether there are any potential topics that fall within the remit of this Policy Overview Committee, which they would like to put forward for consideration by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC).

(3) The Committee are reminded of the recent decision of the County Council that once a Topic Review has been included in the Work Programme as agreed by the POCC the detailed terms of reference each review will be developed by a cross party Member Group (one from each Group) for approval by the Select Committee.

(4) The POC will be kept informed of potential topics which are within its remit.

Recommendation

3. The Committee are asked to :-

- (a) Note the update on the Select Committee on Provision of Activities for Young People and endorse the recommendations as set out in the executive summary; and
- (b) suggest subjects for potential Select Committee Topic reviews for consideration by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee.

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