

By: David Cockburn, Director of Business Solutions and Policy  
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Subject: KCC Annual Plan 2008/09  
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**Summary:**

This report seeks delegated authority for a small group of Members of this Committee to advise the Council on the KCC Annual Plan 2008/2009 (also known as the Best Value Performance Plan) in relation to statutory requirements and guidance.

FOR DECISION

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The County Council is required to publish its Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) by 30 June each year.

1.2 Kent's Performance Plan is known as the KCC Annual Plan. The KCC Annual Plan is an important mechanism for bringing together elements of the Towards 2010, the Kent Agreement (LAA/PSA2), the Vision for Kent and other directorate priorities. It acts as a bridge between the Authority's strategic objectives and corporate priorities and its service and financial plans, and avoids duplicating large amounts of detailed information contained elsewhere. It reports upon progress made against priorities for the previous financial year (2007/08), as well as setting new targets for the current year (2008/09) and beyond.

1.3 The KCC Annual Plan is also a central part of the Authority's performance management processes. It brings together performance information of corporate importance and compares KCC with other authorities.

The terms of reference for the Governance & Audit Committee require it to check the compliance of the KCC Annual Plan with statutory requirements prior to its publication by 30 June. The final draft of the Annual Plan goes to Cabinet on 16 June 2008 and to County Council for approval on 19 June 2008.

2.2 The Governance & Audit Committee are due to meet on 30 June 2008. In order that the Governance & Audit Committee members can discharge their responsibilities to check compliance of the plan with statutory requirements prior to its publication, this report seeks delegated authority for a small group of Members of this Committee to meet in the week prior to County Council. This will ensure Members have as complete a draft as possible to check.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 Request the committee delegate authority to the Director of Business Solutions and Policy, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Labour and Liberal Democrat spokesmen of the Governance & Audit Committee to discharge their responsibility to check the compliance of the KCC Annual Plan prior to its publication by 30 June.

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