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To: Cabinet – 30 March 2009

Subject: Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 10 February 2009

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the decisions from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and invites a response from Cabinet.

Introduction

1. The Leader has agreed the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the following meeting of the Cabinet for a response. The responses will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. The decisions from the meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 10 February 2009 are set out in the Appendix to this paper.

Recommendation

3. That Cabinet agree responses to these decisions, which will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.

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Background Information: *Nil*

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APPENDIX

Title	Purpose of Consideration	Decisions	Cabinet Member Response
Consideration of Price Waterhouse Coopers' Report – KCC Review of Treasury Management Procedures	To question the representatives from PWC on their report into Kent County Council's Treasury Management Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee thanked the PWC representatives for their attendance at the meeting and for answering Members' questions; 2. The Committee thanked PWC for their report on the review of treasury management procedures within KCC and the Committee looks forward to receiving details of KCC's action plan that has been put in place to address the recommendations in the report. 	A note outlining details of the action plan will be circulated to the committee.
Treasury Management – written answers to the Committee's questions from Butlers	To consider the written answers provided by Butlers, the Council's Treasury Management Advisers, to the Committee's questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee thanked Butlers for the written information in response to its questions but expresses extreme disappointment that Butlers refused two opportunities to be present at the Committee meeting to respond to the further questions that members wanted to ask arising from their consideration of the written answers. 2. The Committee ask the Cabinet to carry out an urgent review of the status of the Economic Management Group in terms of the Council's constitution. In particular the Committee would ask the following issues to be addressed:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. whether the group should become a formal committee or sub committee of the Council and if so under which Committee it should sit. b. the proposed terms of reference for the body and in particular whether it is proposed that the body will have any formal decision making powers and if so within what parameters c. that the issue of membership of the Committee and member training be considered and acted upon d. that the body should not seek to duplicate the role of the Governance and Audit Committee. 3. That the Director of Finance be asked to confirm the revisions to the procedure in relation to the receipt of emails from Butlers. 	<p>The preference of the Cabinet Member for Finance is to include the work of the Economic Management Group within the Budget IMG which Mr Smyth chairs.</p> <p>Training will be provided after the June election.</p>