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To: Scrutiny Committee – 11th June 2015

Subject: Commissioning Advisory Board

Summary: This report briefly explains the background of the Commissioning Advisory Board (CAB) and contains information to compliment the Committee's consideration of the verbal update being provided by the CAB Chairman.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Commissioning Advisory Board (CAB) was instituted in 2014 following agreement at the 23 October 2014 County Council meeting. The specific recommendations that were endorsed may be found in the report presented to County Council (Appendix 1 - A collaborative approach to Member involvement in Commissioning - Report of the Member Working Group)
- 1.2 The creation of the CAB is one element of KCC's Facing the Challenge programme, developed in 2013 to ensure the authority responded appropriately to the financial situation. A key component of the resulting Transformation programme was the decision to begin the process of developing KCC into a Strategic Commissioning Authority, a process expected to continue until 2020.
- 1.3 The goal of the CAB was to allow for Member oversight of the development of KCC as a strategic commissioning authority, providing an opportunity for engagement by all Members throughout the Commissioning cycle. This would involve engaging with the Leader, Cabinet Members, Senior Officers and Commissioning officers with a view to providing recommendations to Cabinet and Cabinet Members. Full details of the CAB's terms of reference may be found in Appendix 2 (CAB update to P&R Committee 12 December 2014).

2. Scrutiny interest

- 2.1 An item on Commissioning and Member involvement was added to the Scrutiny Committee work programme in March 2015.
- 2.2 The main areas of interest or questions to be raised, agreed by the Spokespeople, were as follows;
 - Clarification of member involvement – how Members are being involved in the management of ongoing contracts and the development of planned contracts.
 - Updates on work undertaken by CAB so far, its current status and its forward plan.

- Additional training for Members on contract management.
 - Update on other Authorities that have not adopted Commissioning approach.
- 2.3 The Chairman of the Commissioning Advisory Board, Director of Strategic Relations and Director of Transformation were made aware of the issues raised by the Spokespeople with a view to arranging a discussion item to be brought to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

3. Attendance

- 3.1 The following Members and Officers are attending to provide updates and/or answer questions from the Committee;
- Mr Hotson – Chairman of CAB
 - Mr Whittle – Director of Strategic Relationships
 - Mr Burr – Director of Transformation

<h3>4. Recommendation</h3>

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| <p>4.1 The Committee may note the update and express comments.</p> |
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Appendices:

- Appendix 1: A collaborative approach to Member involvement in Commissioning - Report of the Member Working Group
- Appendix 2 - CAB update to P&R Committee 12 December 2014

Background Documents:

- Commissioning Select Committee 'Better Outcomes, Changing Lives, Adding Social Value', County Council, May 2014
- 'Facing the Challenge: Towards a Strategic Commissioning Authority', County Council, May 2014.

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