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To: Scrutiny Committee – 11 December 2015

Subject: **Select Committee Work Programme**

Summary: To receive an update on the Select Committee Topic Review Programme

Select Committee – Corporate Parenting

1. (1) This Select Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs Wiltshire submitted its report to Cabinet on 30 November for comments. It was well received and the Cabinet commended the report to County Council, who will be considering it on 10 December 2015.

(2) This report will now be monitored in accordance with the agreed process, that is an Action Plan will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee in March 2016 and a meeting of the Select Committee re-convened in December 2016 to receive a report on progress with implementing their recommendations.

Select Committee – Energy Security

2. (1) The Select Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr Wedgbury, held its inaugural meeting on 22 October 2015 a copy of its agreed terms of reference is attached at **Appendix 1**. The Committee is holding 8 half day sessions to hear evidence from a range of witnesses including KCC officers, academics, colleagues from other local authorities, a big 6 energy provider and a non-renewable energy generator. Members have also had the opportunity to attend a number of site visits such as Dungeness Power Station and the London Borough of Islington. It is intended that the evidence gathering will be completed in January and the Committee will then consider areas of recommendation for its report.

(2) This Committee is due to submit its report to Cabinet for noting and County Council for consideration in April and May 2016 respectively.

Select Committee – Grammar Schools and social mobility

3. (1) The establishment of the Select Committee was suggested by the Leader at County Council on 22 October and subsequently approved by the Chairman and Spokesmen on this Committee.

(2) Work is underway to establish this Select Committee. The Membership is, Mrs Whittle (Chairman designate), Mr Bowles, Mr Burgess, Mr Hotson, Mr Latchford, Mr Marsh, Mrs Stockell, Mr Truelove and Mr Vye.

(3) The Committee is due to hold its inaugural meeting on 16 December 2015

(4) This Committee is also due to submit its report to Cabinet for noting and County Council for consideration in March 2016.

4. Recommendations: that

(a) the Select Committee on Corporate Parenting be congratulated on its report; and

(b) the progress of the Select Committees on Energy Security and Grammar Schools be noted.

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Background Papers – [Report of the Select Committee on Corporate Parenting](#)

Select Committee – Energy Security

1. To clarify the meaning of “Energy Security” and the responsibilities of KCC in ensuring this security.
2. To examine and assess a range of energy generation methods so as to best secure the future energy needs of Kent.
3. To identify existing best practice across the UK and abroad on how best to strengthen a sustainable, reliable energy infrastructure for Kent.
4. For the Energy Security Select Committee to make recommendations after having gathered evidence and information throughout the review.

Approved by Select Committee on 22 October 2015