

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee –  
15 July 2009

Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: This report updates Members on the successful outcome of recent Select Committee work and the process for identifying a future work programme.

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### **Select Committee: Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**

1. The Committee's report and recommendations were completed early in 2009 and were very warmly welcomed by the County Council at its meeting on 30 April 2009. Subsequently, the Overview and Scrutiny team has received many requests for a copy of the report and has received some very positive feedback from the public and service users who have read it.

### **Future Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme**

2. (1) Following the recent County Council Elections, it is necessary for a new two- year Select Committee work programme will be established. Members are therefore being asked to consider whether there are any potential topics for a Select Committee review which fall within the remit of this Committee, which they would like to put forward for consideration by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC).

(2) This Committee has already generated two proposed topics – Safeguarding and Adult Protection, and Dementia. These proposals are going through an assessment process, part of which includes seeking the comments of the Directorate and Cabinet Members, in order to assist the POCC in agreeing a work programme that adds value for the residents of Kent. The POCC will consider all suggestions for topic reviews and the proposer/s will be invited to the POCC meeting to put forward their topic review suggestion, supported by officers from the Directorate and, if appropriate, the Cabinet Member. Any Member who wishes to have a discussion on the assessment process or requires a copy of the form should, in the first instance, contact Theresa Grayell who supports this POC.

(3) The Committee is 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 for each review will be developed by a cross-party Member Group (one from each Group) for approval by the Select Committee.

(4) The Committee will be kept informed of any further proposed topics which are within its remit.

## **Recommendations**

3. Members are asked to:-
  - (a) Note the successful outcome of the Select Committee on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the welcome given to the Committee's report and recommendations by the County Council, the public and service users who have read it; and
  - (b) Note the process for preparing the new Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme, and put forward any suggestions for further topic reviews for consideration by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee.

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