

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Communities Policy Overview Committee
7 July 2009

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

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

Select Committee: Provision of Activities for Young People (“Somewhere to go, Someone to be”)

1. (1) The Committee’s report and recommendations were completed early in 2009 and were very well received by the County Council at its meeting on 30 April 2009. Members of the Kent Youth County Council, were present at the meeting and listened to the debate after the formal meeting had an informal discussion with Members on the relevant issues from the report. The full version is available on Kent.gov (<http://www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/democracy-and-elections/overview-and-scrutiny/select-committee-reports.htm>)

(2) In accordance with the protocol agreed at the meeting of the County Council on 23 March 2006 for monitoring of Select Committee recommendations, the Policy Overview Committee should receive an action plan from officers at their September meeting setting out how they propose to take the Select Committee’s recommendations forward. This will be followed in April/May 2010 by a re-convened meeting of the Select Committee which will receive a report detailing progress with each of the recommendations.

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 requested to consider whether there are any potential topics for a Select Committee review that fall within the remit of this Policy Overview Committee, which they would like to put forward for consideration by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC).

(2) Any suggestion made for a potential topic review will be subject to an assessment process, part of will include 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 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 Denise Fitch who supports this POC.

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

(4) The POC will be kept informed of potential topics which are within its remit.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to -

- (a) Thank the Select Committee on the Provision of Activities for Young People be thanked for their work and that it be noted that an action plan to address the recommendations in the report would be submitted to the September meeting of this Committee
- (b) Put forward any suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews either at the meeting or by email to overviewandscrutiny@kent.gov.uk or to the Democratic Services Officer for this meeting.

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