

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Corporate Policy Overview Committee  
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Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: This report updates Members on process for identifying a future Select Committee topic review work programme.

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

1. (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 put forward any suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews either at the meeting or by email to [overviewandscrutiny@kent.gov.uk](mailto:overviewandscrutiny@kent.gov.uk) or to the Democratic Services Officer for this meeting.

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