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To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 21 July 2009

Subject: Follow up items from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the items which the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee has raised previously for follow up

Introduction

1. This is a rolling schedule of information requested previously by the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. If the information supplied is satisfactory it will be removed following the meeting, but if the Committee should find the information to be unsatisfactory it will remain on the schedule with a request for further information.

Recommendation

3. That the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee notes the responses to the issues raised previously.

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Background Information: *Nil*

	Issue	Response
10.12.08	<p>Highways Business Plan IMG 02.12.08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A list of gully schedules be supplied to all Members after the elections - The informal briefing on EDF given to Members by KHS Technical Services be repeated in the spring. 	<p>Following the elections in June – information has been requested</p>
22.10.08	<p>IMG on Managing Motorways and Trunk Roads in Kent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further advice be requested from Officers and the Cabinet Member when the results of the bidding process were known - Officers and the Cabinet Member report back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, including information on possible BVPIs, a year after the contract has commenced. 	<p>Document detailing changes to original contract circulated to Members of CSC 13.11.08.</p>
21.01.09	<p>Comms & Media Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief Executive's offer to give Members the opportunity to visit the IBM research facility in Hampshire - Chief Executive's offer to hold a seminar for Members on the 'Future of Communication' - Chief Executive's offer that the two pilot schemes in Swale & West Malling should be presented to Members - Further details of translation services and their cost be provided to all Members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee - Briefing note on the report on the ways in which we consult with the public being prepared by Robert Hardy - Communications protocol in relation to the promotion of Council Services be circulated to all Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work has begun on organising a visit to IBM, an initial date was arranged but due to a difficulty at IMB it was withdrawn before Members were informed. Another date will be sought after the elections. - A seminar on the 'Future of Communication' will be organised following the elections

08.04.09	Children's Centres: Members requested the dates on which the Children's Centres were designated as opposed to the date of construction.	Attached at Appendix A
08.04.09	Children's Centres: Members requested a copy of the original and the revised contract for the Round 2 Children's Centres be made available.	This is a substantial document and is available from Anna Taylor (extension 4764)
08.04.09	Members requested figures on the average deprivation for each ward to be served by a Children's Centre.	Attached at Appendix A
08.04.09	An IMG be set up to feed into the review of the Freedom Pass in September.	Following the elections in June
29.04.09	Freedom Pass – A note be sent to the Cabinet Member and the relevant officers pointing out the issues around the timing of the IMG and the distribution of Freedom Passes in June and asking them to give some preliminary consideration to improvements in the publicity of the Freedom Pass.	There has been a high level of awareness raising for each the Freedom launches. Officers have worked very closely with the Youth Forum and this has been very successful. There is a limited resource to put into launches and Officers endeavour to use this to the best advantage.
29.04.09	The figure for the total performance reward paid to the Chief Officer Group be provided to Committee Members.	Information requested
29.04.09	Information on the number of employees who were recommended as 'excellent'. Ms Beer agreed to circulate available information to Committee Members.	Information requested
29.04.09	In light of the changing economic conditions the Personnel Committee be asked to consider the future performance reward levels of the Chief Officer Group.	Future performance reward levels will be considered by the Personnel Committee for future contracts (renewals and new appointments) for senior staff.
29.04.09	The form used by the opposition Leaders to evaluate the performance of the Chief Officer Group be reviewed to include the opportunity to provide quantitative feedback on the level of any performance reward grant and the detail of the	Information requested

	performance criteria and targets that the Officers were being evaluated on.	
29.04.09	Further clarification be added to the Improvement Plan setting out the actions taken to achieve the improvement.	This was agreed
29.04.09	The Performance Improvement Plan be reported back to the Committee in six months time when it was reported to COG and Cabinet.	This was agreed – the first review update report on the Performance Improvement plan will be in October 2009.
29.04.09	HOSC to be consulted over taking on the issue of the Joint Commissioning and priorities within NHS and the Mental Health Services.	Following the elections the HOSC will consider their future work programme and will take into account the views of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.