

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Regeneration and Economic Development Policy Overview Committee, 30 July 2009

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the process for identifying a future work programme.

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 to be established. Members are therefore requested to consider whether there are any potential topics for a Select Committee review, 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 which will include seeking the comments of the Directorate and Cabinet Member, 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 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 of each review will be developed by a cross-party Member Group (one from each Group) for approval by the Select Committee.

(4) Although no Select Committee Topic Reviews have come forward which relate to the remit of this new committee, a task and finish project on Quangos has been proposed. The POC will be kept informed of suggested potential topics which are within its remit.

Recommendations

2. Members are asked note the process for identifying a future work programme and put forward any suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews, either at the meeting, by email to overviewandscrutiny@kent.gov.uk, or to the Democratic Services Officer for this meeting.

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Background Information: *Nil*