

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager
To: Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee
22 September 2009
Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the process for approving a Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme.

Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme

1. (1) As part of the spring and summer cycle of POC meetings, Members were asked to submit suggestions for topics for Select Committee Topic Reviews.
- (2) The suggestions received will be subject to an assessment process, part of which will include seeking the comments of the Directorate and Cabinet Members, in order to assist the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC) to agree a Work Programme that adds value for the residents of Kent. The POCC will meet on 16 October 2009 to consider all suggestions for Topic Reviews, and the proposer will be invited to the POCC meeting to put forward their suggestion, supported by officers from the Directorate and, if appropriate, the Cabinet Member. Any Member who would like to have more information about the assessment process or requires a copy of a 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) Currently, the topics put forward which fall within the remit this POC are 'Dementia' and 'Safeguarding and Adult Protection'.
- (5) Following the meeting of the POCC on 16 October 2009, Members will be informed of the agreed Select Committee Topic Review Programme and, specifically, progress with any topics included which fall within the remit of this POC.

Recommendation:

2. Members are asked to note the process for agreeing a Select Committee Topic Review Programme.

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Background Information: *Nil*

