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## Summary:

In September 2006, KCC set itself 63 challenging and ambitious targets in the *Towards 2010* plans for Kent. The third *Towards 2010* Annual Report to County Council is attached for approval at this meeting.

FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION

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## 1. Introduction

In September 2006 we launched our priorities for the next four years (2006- 2010). *Towards 2010* sets out how we will achieve the following overarching goals over this period:

- Increased prosperity for Kent through business growth and job creation
- Transformation in education
- Reduced congestion
- Improved health and quality of life
- Quality homes in a well-managed environment
- A safer Kent
- Continued improvements in services while keeping council tax down.

Delivery of many of the 63 *Towards 2010* targets requires cross-directorate and partnership working. Each of the *Towards 2010* targets is accompanied by a public action plan on KCC's website that sets out how it will be met and which is updated annually.

Annual reports on progress are discussed and approved by County Council each autumn. At this stage we are three quarters of the way through the term of *Towards 2010*.

Progress has been made since the last annual report in October 2008 and the current status of the 63 targets is as follows:

- 12 (19%) ' Done and ongoing'
- 46 (73%) ' On course'
- 4 (6%) 'More progress is needed'.

NB Progress against Target 44 (Establish a Global Centre in Kent that will lead the world in developing crops to provide energy, medicines and other products) will no longer be separately reported as the world has changed since the original *Towards 2010* concept for

a Global Centre for non-food crops was first proposed and this target will not now be achieved.

## **2. Format of the report**

In order to help us focus on the difference that *Towards 2010* has made to the people of Kent so far, as well what we still need to do, the separate reports for each target have been sharpened so that they set out the main outcomes achieved since the start of the *Towards 2010* term, and what we intend to deliver over the remaining twelve months and beyond.

## **3. Approval process**

Lead officers completed their draft reports in July for discussion and agreement with their managing directors and portfolio holders. The reports have been quality checked by Performance Management Group, Chief Executives Department, and discussed and agreed with the Leader.

As in previous years, the draft report was discussed at each of the Policy Overview Committee (POC) meetings during September to allow Members to have a chance to comment and ask questions prior to County Council.

The third Annual Report against *Towards 2010* is attached for County Council for approval at this meeting. Once approved, it will be published on KCC's website.

## **4. Recommendation**

County Council is asked to APPROVE the third *Towards 2010* Annual Report.

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