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To: Cabinet – 16 June 2008

Subject: POLICY FRAMEWORK

Classification: Unrestricted

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**Summary:** Updating the authority's policy framework to reflect the current position.

**FOR DECISION**

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**Background**

1. (1) Following the Best Value Review of Strategic Plans in 2002; and the Comprehensive Performance Assessment, the Policy Framework of the County Council has been reviewed regularly to ensure that it is sufficiently lean and effective. The Policy Framework defines those plans, which are agreed by the Council (or by a Policy Overview Committee with Council endorsement) and was last amended in December 2006.

(2) The policy Framework has been reviewed and the following amendments have been noted by the Communities Policy Overview Committee

**New**

Kent Strategy for 2012 Games  
Childrens & Young People Plan

**Deleted**

Adult Education Development Plan  
Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan  
Trading standards Food Service Plan

2. (1) The Adult Education and Young Person's Substance Misuse Plans were statutory documents that are no longer required. The Trading Standards Food Service Plan is approved as part of the Unit Planning approval process.

**Recommendation**

3. (1) It is recommended that the attached list of plans go to the Council for approval as its current policy framework

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## Policy Framework

### PLANS AND STRATEGIES INCLUDED IN THE POLICY FRAMEWORK

#### Requiring Council debate and approval

<b>Name of Plan</b>
<b>Annual Plan</b>
Towards 2010
Vision for Kent (Community Strategy)

#### Requiring Committee approval and Council ratification

Adult Services Policy Overview Committee Name of Plan	Statutory	Duration of Plan	Next Plan Due	Notes
Active Lives	No	10 year vision from 2007, originally published in 2000	Will be revised in 2010-11	Policy document revised in 2006-7 with the new Directorate
Adult Services Framework	No	3 yearly with an annual review		New document re integrated services
Better Care, Higher Standards	Yes	Reviewed in 2 years	2010	Charter of standards rather than plan
Mental Health National Service Framework Local Implementation Plan	Yes	3 yearly		Reviewed annually
Supporting People	Yes	5 yearly Updated annually	April 2010	
Workforce Strategy	No	Annual		Social Care personnel document
A new Ambition for Old Age: Next Steps in Implementation of the Older People National Framework.	Yes	Reviewed in 3 years	April 2009	

<b>Children's Services Policy Overview Committee</b> <b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Duration of Plan</b>	<b>Next Plan Due</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Accessibility Strategy	Yes	Three years, 2003 to 2006 2007-2010	March 2010	Reviewed annually
Children's and Young People Plan	Yes	Three years, 2006 to 2009 -(2010 ) being refreshed due for publication October r 2008	2011	Multi-agency plan covered under the Children Act 2004
SEN Policy and Action Plan	Yes	Four years, reviewed annually	Sept 2011	SEN Code of Practice

<b>Communities Policy Overview Committee</b> <b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Duration of Plan</b>	<b>Next Plan Due</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Adult Education Service Strategic Plan 2008-2011	No	3 years	2008	New plan currently being drafted
The Strategic Framework for Sport in Kent 2008-2012	No	4 years, 2008-2012	2012	Monitored by a Kent and Medway Sports Board involving partner organisations
Kent Strategy for the 2012 Games	No	2007 – 2012	2012	Plan is phased – 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase is 2008 –2012, 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase is 2012 itself, 4 <sup>th</sup> phase is beyond 2012.
Children's & Young People Plan	Yes	Three years, 2006 to 2009 -(2010 ) being refreshed due for publication September 2008	2011	Multi-agency plan covered under the Children Act 2004
Community Safety Framework	No	3 yearly	2008	Currently being drafted
Cultural Strategy for Kent	No	TBC	July 2009	New Document
Youth Justice Self-Assessment	Yes	Annual	Autumn	New Youth

& Improvement Plan			2008	Justice Planning Framework 2008/9
Adult Treatment Services Plan	Yes	Annual	Early 2009	Drug Action Plan

<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Policy Overview Committee Name of Plan</b>	<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Duration of Plan</b>	<b>Next Plan Due</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Environment Strategy	No	10 years	Before 2013	
<i>Kent Prospects</i>	No	2007-2012	2012	Biennial progress reports produced
Local Transport Plan <u>2</u>	Yes	Five years 2006-2011	March 2011	Delivery report 2008: Draft to be produced by July 08 and final to be agreed with GOSE by Dec 08
The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy	Yes	20 years	2027	<u>Most recent JMWMS was 2006</u>
Kent & Medway Structure Plan)	Yes	2006-2021 (dwellings to 2016)	None	Current plan will be the last, being replaced by the South East Plan
Kent Minerals Local Plan (to be replaced by Minerals Development Framework)	Yes	<u>Approx 10 years</u>	N/A	<u>Adopted 1996</u>
Kent Waste Local Plan (to be replaced by Waste Development Framework by 2007)	Yes	<u>Approx 10 years</u>	N/A	<u>Adopted 1998</u>
<u>Minerals and Waste Development Framework</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>2006-2026</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>In preparation. Timetable to be approved by KCC members and GOSE in April-May 2008 for adoption in 2010. Will be subject to quinquennial reviews</u>