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To: Selection and Member Services – 13 October 2009

Subject: Policy Framework

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates the County Council's policy framework.

Background

1 (1) It is a statutory requirement that certain key documents form part of a Council's Policy Framework. Regulations made under the Local Government Act 2000 set out the documents that have to be approved by the Council. KCC's constitution requires these Policy Framework documents to be considered by the relevant Policy Overview Committees (POC's) prior to being submitted to County Council for approval. This does not preclude other plans and strategies being submitted to POC's for consideration prior to approval by Cabinet.

(2) The Policy Framework of the County Council was last updated in November 2006 (with a minor revision in June 2008 to take account of the newly established Communities Directorate). The 2006 version of the Policy Framework contained statutory documents which did not legally need to be incorporate into the Policy Framework. Some of these no longer need to be produced. In consultation with Directorates, the Policy Framework has been redrafted so that the revised version only includes documents which have to be approved as a matter of the law by the County Council.

Revised Policy Framework

2 (1) Attached as an appendix is a revised version of the Policy Framework which consists of the documents, that have to be approved by the County Council (rather than by the Executive).

(2) Members should note that the Policy Framework will be incorporated as Appendix 3 in the Constitution, once approved.

(3) It is intended that this revised version of the Policy Framework will be submitted to the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee meeting on 16 October 2009 for endorsement.

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| <p>Recommendations That the revised version of the Policy Framework, as set out in the Appendix to this report, be submitted to County Council on 10 December 2010 for approval and that the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman of the Selection and</p> |
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Members Services Committee, to approve any amendments following the meeting of the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee.

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Background Information: *Nil*

*Appendix 3
Policy Framework*

PLANS AND STRATEGIES INCLUDED IN THE POLICY FRAMEWORK

Requiring Council debate and approval

| Name of Plan |
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| Towards 2010 |

Requiring Policy Overview Committee(s) consideration and Council approval

| Name of Plan (Policy Overview Committee) | Statutory Policy Framework plan | Duration of Plan | Next Plan Due | Notes |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| Children and Young Peoples Plan (C, F & E POCs Communities POC) | Yes | 2008-2011 | 2011 | Multi- agency plan |
| Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy i.e. Community Safety Framework (Communities POC) | Yes | 2008-11 | 2011 | |
| Local Transport Plan 2 (Environment, Highways and Waste POC) | Yes | 5 years 2006/11 | March 2011 | |
| Local Transport Plan 3 (Strategy) (Environment, Highways and Waste POC) | Yes | 15 years (tentative) | March 2026 | DfT Guidance requires two separate documents, Strategy & Implementation Plan and local authorities decide duration of each of these plans to suit their needs. Reporting and reward funding to be through CAA process so unlikely to be requirement for formal delivery reporting as per LTP1 & LTP2 |

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| Local Transport Plan 3 (Implementation Plan) (Environment, Highways and Waste POC) | Yes | 3 years (tentative) | March 2014 | Outlines proposals for delivery of the policies contained in the Strategy |
| Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework i.e. Minerals and Waste Core Strategy - Mineral site Allocations Waste Management Site Allocations (Environment, Highways and Waste POC) | Yes | 15 year timeframe from adoption i.e. period up until 2026 | 2011 2012 2012 | In preparation. Development Scheme and Programme agreed by KCC and GOSE in May 2009. Submission of key documents (Core strategy and Site Allocations) to Government respectively in 2011 and 2012. Subject to regular (approximately five yearly) reviews. |
| Youth Justice Plan (Communities POC) | Yes | 18 Months | April 2010 | Current plan started in October 2008, and runs until the end of March 2010. |