

By: Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership

To: Cabinet – 16 June 2008

Subject: Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 21 May 2008

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: This report sets out the decisions from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and invites a response from Cabinet.

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### **Introduction**

1. The Leader has agreed the decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the following meeting of the Cabinet for a response. The responses will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
2. The decisions from the meeting of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on 21 May 2008 are set out in the Appendix to this paper.

### **Recommendation**

4. That Cabinet agree responses to these decisions, which will be reported back to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.

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Background Information: *Nil*

## Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 21 May 2008

Title	Purpose of Consideration	Invitees	Decisions
<p><b>Wingfield Bank, Northfleet – declaration of land surplus to highways requirements</b></p>	<p>To question the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste, the Director and Kent Highways Services, the Regeneration and Project Manager and the Director of Property in relation to the way in which this transaction has been handled</p>	<p><b>Mr K A Ferrin, MBE</b>, Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste; <b>Mr G Mee</b>, the Director of Kent Highways Services; <b>Mr J Farmer</b>, Regeneration and Project Manager; <b>Mr M Austerberry</b>, Director of Property; and <b>Mr C Meredith</b>, Northfleet Action Group</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee supports the decision of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste, that the land at Wingfield Bank, Northfleet, should be declared surplus to highways requirements</li> <li>2. The Chairman of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee will write to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Mr N J C Chard, enclosing a copy of the petition presented to him by Mr Colin Meredith of the Northfleet Action Group, and asking Mr Chard to advise the petitioners what the process will be now in terms of the disposal of this land, including the proposed consultation process</li> </ol>

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<b>Kent Concessionary Travel Scheme for the over 60's and people with disabilities</b>	To explore the reasons for the Cabinet's decision in this matter and, in particular, certain alleged inaccuracies in the report and whether the decision was made with the benefit of prior consultation with District and Borough Councils	<b>Mr K A Ferrin, MBE</b> , Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste and <b>Mr James Cook</b> , Public Transport Team Leader	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Cabinet's initiative to allow pass holders to travel free between 9.00am and 9.30am be welcomed</li> <li>2. That the Committee expresses regret that the decision was made without the benefit of prior consultation with District and Borough Councils</li> <li>3. That the Committee would support active consultation commencing as soon as possible with District and Borough Council Leaders with regard to the proposed implementation of the Cabinet's decision.</li> <li>4. That the Committee agrees to reconsider the matter when any significant changes are proposed to the national scheme.</li> </ol>
<b>Joint Working Arrangements with Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Shepway District Council and Thanet District Council</b>	To question the Leader of the Council and the Director of Law and Governance about how these proposals related to the County Council's proposals for enhanced two-tier working and how the arrangements will work in practice, in relation to other decision-making and deliberative structures,	<b>Mr P B Carter</b> , Leader of the Council and <b>Mr W Wild</b> , Director of Law and Governance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Committee notes the current position and asks the Leader to keep this Committee updated with regard to the development of the Joint Working arrangements in the four East Kent District Councils.</li> </ol>

	e.g. local boards and/or neighbourhood forums, the LSP, JTB's etc.		
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