

ASSESSMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TOPIC REVIEW

(* - sections to be filled in by the proposer of the topic)

***Subject of Proposed Review:-**
Dementia

***Reason for the Review:-**
(see note 1 below)

- Increase in prevalence
- Demography over 80
- Dementia Strategy (national)
- Future training
- Impact on future services
- Public interest in this issue: increasing numbers of people diagnosed with dementia and carers

***Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-**

- Future Demand levels / postcode lottery for drugs
- Current thinking on measure to delay / ameliorate onset of dementia ie. Memory clinic

***Scope of the review:-**

- Include all partners in debate including carers and people diagnosed with dementia
- Examination of adequacy of support for carers

***Purpose and objectives of the Review:-**

- Capacity of service to offer assistance to people diagnosed with dementia to help delay development of dementia

Proposers of the review

J Mcswane *Trudy Dean*

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10?

In the light of the recently published National Dementia Strategy (February 2009) health and social care organisations are focussing their resources on implementation of the key 17 objectives. It would be beneficial for the review to focus on the key implementational issues.

There is a Kent & Medway Dementia Collaborative in place to monitor implementation of the strategy locally.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

Support for people with Dementia is a key driver in the Active Lives policy framework for later life, and the Kent Adult Social Services strategy. This is all supported by collaborative commissioning and provision with health.

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

N1 125 – Intermediate Care/Independent Living

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

This would realise most benefit if conducted 2010/2011, to review post strategy implementation and outcomes achieved from the Dementia Demonstrator Project and other support services.

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

Commissioning and provision of robust Dementia pathway services, that provides service users and carer's choice and control.

How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

Improved outcomes increased collaborative and integrated service provision, and a better use of resources.

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-



Strategic Director's Signature:-



Contact Officer:- Janice Duff

Date:- 9/9/09

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*Subject of Proposed Review:-

Educational attainment of pupils and schools in areas of high deprivation

*Reason for the Review:-

(see Note 1 below)

- Priority 1 of the Kent Children and Young People's Plan is 'to reduce the impact of poverty (generational and situational) on children's lives by tackling the underlying causes and mitigating the effects.' As one of the actions to achieve that objective, Kent County Council is committed to achieving Outcome 1B(3): 'narrow the educational attainment gap between the children and young people eligible for Free School Meals and their peers.'
- Performance in Kent against National Indicator 102 shows an estimated achievement gap of 28% in 2008/9, albeit with a trend towards improvement.
- We need to examine the reasons for this differential in achievement, and the effectiveness of measures being taken by the CFE Directorate, in partnership with others, to reduce it.

*Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-

1. Levels of attainment of pupils and of performance by schools with the highest scores for multiple deprivation, compared to the Kent norm.
2. Factors which contribute to this differential.
3. Differential levels of attainment within the category and reasons for this.
4. Action taken by the Directorate to raise levels of attainment in this category (by monitoring, challenging, supporting).
5. The effectiveness of the multi-agency work of Local Children's Services Partnerships in helping schools in this category to raise the levels of attainment

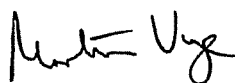
*Scope of the review:-

The review should examine the Key Stage 2 SATs results of schools within the group of schools with the 50 highest scores for Multiple Deprivation. It would be necessary to interview AEOs, managers and chairs of LCSPs, Headteachers of schools showing Best Practice, and possibly PEP Heads and School Improvement Partners. Chatham House rules would apply where appropriate.

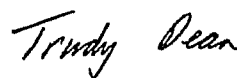
*Purpose and objectives of the Review:-

1. Working with schools, parents, children, voluntary organisations to identify the factors inhibiting higher attainment by pupils in schools with the highest scores for Multiple Deprivation.
2. To assess the effectiveness of work being done to counteract those factors, and to raise the level of attainment of pupils in these schools.
3. To propose any additional action the Select Committee believes would be helpful in achieving Priority 1.

Proposer of the review - (Please print name and sign)



Martin Vye



Trudy Dean

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10? (see Note 2 below)

An analysis of attainment results for 2009 (broken down into the vulnerable groups across the county and linked into the IMD) will only be available, fully validated, by late Spring 2010. It is suggested to Members that a full discussion at the Learning and Development Policy Overview Committee in Spring 2010 to enable Members to agree if a specific Select Committee is still required and the exact details of the focus.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

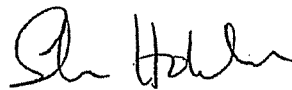
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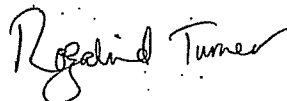
How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

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Strategic Director's Signature:-



Contact Officer:-

Date:-

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***Subject of Proposed Review:-**

Kent's Extended School programme and links with youth and community services

***Reason for the Review:-**

(see Note 1 below)

The Government's focus on Extended School Services and delivery of the core offer is nearing its target date of all schools being able to offer access to the core offer of Extended Services by September 2010. Kent is doing very well with 90% of our schools now delivering against the government definition of the core offer (* see briefing paper attached).

However, it is important to consider what would be the Kent offer in relation to extended schools, to realise the leadership's vision of "the school that never sleeps", and to ensure we are maximising the delivery of a wide variety of activities and services in partnership with our schools.

The recent White paper on 21st Century schools takes a less prescriptive view of Extended Schools and Extended Services – looking at schools as part of their community, working in partnership with others to support their communities. The Government's funding for these developments is changing and we are uncertain as to what the funding regime post March 2011 will be.

It is therefore timely to take stock of the Kent Extended School programme, to consider achievements and further opportunities in the light of current and potential future funding sources.

***Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-**

- Is the current approach of focus on the government's "core offer" meeting community and KCC priorities, and are we maximising the partnership with youth, adult education, library services, cultural, sporting and health providers?
- Are the current programmes helping to enrich and support children and families to ensure they both enjoy and achieve through the extended role of schools. Is there a focus on children and young people who may not be doing so well currently? Is there a demonstrable impact on pupil attainment and/or well-being?
- Are there any blockages that are preventing current and future developments? What are these and are there possible solutions?
- Look at resources (human, financial and capital) across KCC and our partners, to ensure we use them in the most efficient and effective way possible.

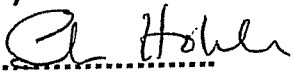
***Scope of the review:-**

Evaluate what has been put in place so far, identify areas for development in order to support Kent's priorities, our CYPP priorities and national targets. With funding for public services certain to come under pressure, we need to ensure efficiency across the many services that work around this agenda.

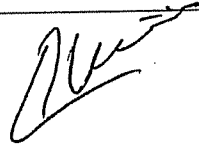
***Purpose and objectives of the Review:-**

To inform the vision and planning for KCC's delivery of Extended School Services over the next 3 to 4 years.

Proposee of the review - (Please print name and sign)

SARAH HOLLER 

MIKE HILL



To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10? (see Note 2 below)

No. The review will link with a project about to commence that will be looking at improved community use of secondary school sites. This will report back in February/March 2010. It would be helpful if this review took place at a time when it could take account of the results of this project. We also need to ensure that the review does not cover the same ground as the recent review on positive action for young people.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

Extended School Services supports the delivery of corporate objectives and priorities as set out in the Children and Young People's Plan. This review could inform how this capacity can be strengthened.

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets?

Yes

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

By June 2010 at the latest; it will then be able to inform changes prior to the end of the current spending review period.

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

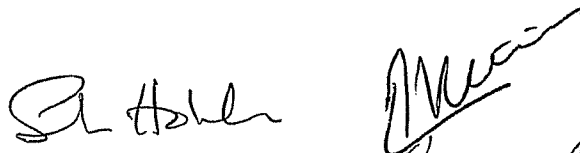
It will inform KCC's response to:
The Schools White Paper
The parenting strategy
Positive activities for young people
Adult and community learning
Localism and community engagement,

How will this review add value for the County Council and residents of Kent?

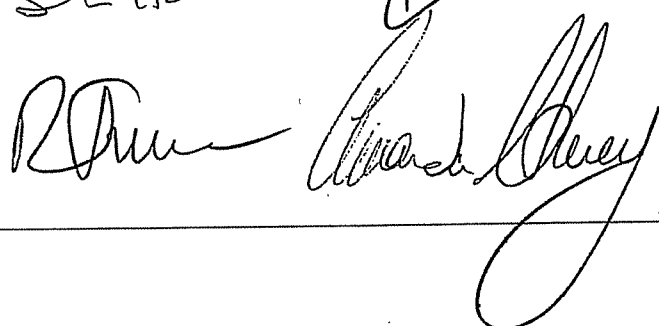
It will ensure that Kent's young people and adults are able to access support and services through extended school activities.

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-



Strategic Director's Signature:-



Contact Officer:- Marisa White	Date:- 21 September 2009
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It is vital that schools are engaged positively with the review, and it is suggested that the terms of reference are shared with the schools funding forum, the primary, special and secondary school forums, and that representatives from schools and governors are sought to inform the work of the review.

The select committee will be encouraged to visit current extended school activities to see work on the ground, including current links with youth, adult education and library services

Extended Services Briefing Note September 2009

1. Extended Services is part of the Change for Children agenda and at the heart of the delivery of Every Child Matters. Children's Centres and Extended Schools are two of the main vehicles for local delivery of services for children and their families.

2. **Underpinning philosophy:**

Children's experiences greatly influence their life chances in adulthood. Educational attainment is a powerful route out of poverty and disadvantage. Extended Schools work with the LA and other partners to offer access to a range of services and activities which support and motivate children and young people to achieve their potential. The services that the Government expects to see in place by 2010 in and around schools are:

- varied menu of activities, combined with childcare in Primary schools. (Breakfast, after school and holiday clubs)
- swift and easy access to targeted and specialist services
- parenting advice and support (particularly at points of transition in children's lives) and family learning
- community access to school facilities (where these are of a reasonable and safe standard, where this will not undermine other local facilities and businesses and where this is sustainable through being able to cover costs through charging)

All services and activities should be developed in consultation with children, young people, their families and the local community and there should be clear evidence of need and demand. By working in partnership with other agencies Extended Schools (and Children's Centres) will provide their local communities with access to the above services either at the school or Children's Centre or by using other facilities and resources in the local area.

Impact:

- National research on the first phase of Extended Schools has demonstrated that in many cases children in Extended Schools improved at twice the national rate particularly in relation to engagement with learning and self esteem.

3. **Government expectations:**

- That all schools will offer access to extended services by 2010. (regular monitoring through the TDA and progress reported as part of the APA. Kent is exceeding its stretched target)
- That school's development of Extended Services will be embedded within their school improvement plans and that this is evidenced via Ofsted.
- Extended Services is now part of the Ofsted inspection framework
- That all schools will attain and keep Healthy Schools status
- That the Children's Trust will have a Parenting Commissioner who will develop a Strategy for supporting parents and an action plan that will be developed through consultation with parents. The commissioner is expected to ensure mapping of services and gap analysis and work to ensure that all parenting programmes are evidence based, appropriately targeted and accessible and that practitioners receive appropriate training and support. The commissioner role is also responsible for championing of parental voice and participation. (All monitored through GOSE).

4. **The Unit**

The current Extended Services Unit (central team) is made up of the following elements:-

- **Extended Services** / Extended Schools development:-

Deals with advice and support to ESDMs (deployed and managed within LCSP teams), LCSPs and Schools around Extended Services development; production of information and guidance, problem-solving and liaison to ensure join-up with other strategic agendas e.g. Healthy Schools, School Workforce reform, Aiming Higher for Disabled Children, Eco Schools, Personalisation, Children's Centre development, PSHE, Community Cohesion, Play strategy and delivery of Playbuilder Programme (with Districts and Voluntary Sector); Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, 20 in 12, Bookstart and Booktime, Positive Activities and TYS.

Reports to DCSF through the TDA on Extended Schools Core Offer progress and monitors and provides QA across the County around ES developments. Pilots/tests out new approaches and services and supports implementation, i.e. roll out and evaluation of DCSF Disadvantage Subsidy. Delivery of and support to schools around the use of the School Improvement Planning tool for Extended Services development. Provision of training for school staff and their partner organisations and for school governing bodies.

Operational delivery and development of Extended Services is carried out via the ESDMs within LCSP teams. ESDMs are deployed and managed by Partnership Managers and answer to their LCSP Board.

90% of Kent schools are delivering the full Core Offer by September 2009. (National target 85%).

- **Study Support** – provides advice and support to ESDMs, Schools, clubs and providers around the delivery of quality study support activity. The team advises on methods for measurement of and evidencing of impact at school level; it commissions training for providers of Study Support to ensure basic quality standards are met and initiates partnerships with providers to introduce enhancement programmes across the County (i.e. partnership work with Charlton; Transition Programmes, work with HSBC on money management and enterprise activities) and promotes their adoption by schools and LCSPs.
- This part of the Unit also comprises of Kent Children's University and Playing for Success. KCU delivers out of school learning opportunities, holiday clubs and summer schemes. We have four Playing for Success Centres: Spitfires in partnership with Canterbury Cricket Club, the Fleet in partnership with Ebsfleet Football Club, Margate PFS in partnership with Margate Football Club and the Buckmore Centre in partnership with Buckmore Park Karting Circuit. Playing for Success Centres promote and deliver exciting learning opportunities for children and young people outside normal school hours.
- **Parent Commissioner/Parent Support:-**

This includes the development and implementation of a strategy around the delivery of parent support for Kent; support to LCSPs in gap analysis around the current provision of advice and support for parents; the implementation of a co-ordinated programme of evidence-based Parenting Programmes – this includes working with the National Academy of Parenting Practitioners to facilitate practitioner access to training; ensuring that quality assurance measures and advice on appropriate targeting, delivery and assessment of outcomes is in place; practitioner support and development; development of Parent Voice and Parent Participation ; implementation of and oversight of national projects delivered via the "Think Family" and "Parent Support" grants, i.e. the youth Crime Family Intervention Project, the Parenting Early Intervention Project and the piloting of Family Support Plans. Also includes management of the County "Speakeasy" Programme Co-ordinator (jointly funded by Health and government grants).

- **Family Liaison Officer/Parent Support Adviser Service**

The FLO Manager works with 16 Senior FLOs (based mainly in schools and who carry out FLO work for the majority of their time) to provide the following support to FLOs/PSAs, Schools and LCSPs:-

- facilitate regular group 'case supervision' for FLOs and PSAs
- identify, arrange, facilitate appropriate training
- act as assessors for the NVQ in Health and Social Care
- advise schools on the recruitment and development of FLOs
- provide a contact point for FLOs, PSAs, Schools and LCSPs around problem-solving
- co-ordination of FLO/PSA support around work with Choice Advisers, delivery of Booktime and Bookstart and other strategic work
- ensure that FLOs and PSAs are linked into LCSP and broader partner developments

There are currently 253 FLOs and PSAs in schools and LCSPs providing support to **over 400** schools and in excess of 15,000 families (2009/10). They support families across a range of issues (debt, housing, attendance, training, literacy, work readiness, supporting their children's learning, wellbeing and development) and are able to signpost to other services where this is appropriate.

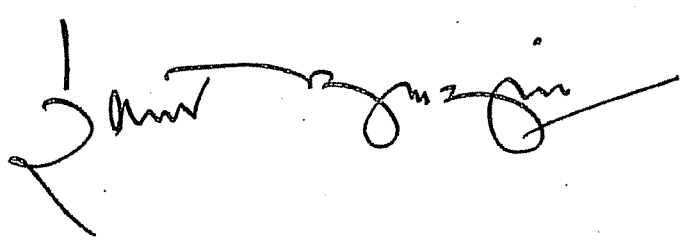
- **Healthy Schools**:- The National Healthy Schools Programme is a schools-based intervention aimed at raising awareness and standards of health related practice and increasing the knowledge and skills of pupils and their families around the broader health and wellbeing agenda. The programme's strategic aims are to:-
 - support children and young people in developing healthy behaviours
 - help raise pupil achievement
 - help reduce health inequalities and
 - help promote social inclusion
- The National programme has over 75% of schools with Healthy Schools status. In Kent we have over 81% of our schools with H.S. status and all other schools are actively engaged. The Programme co-ordinator works with teams within the PCTs to deliver support to schools. This work is also supported by the LCSP based Extended Schools Development Managers.
- The Healthy Schools team also delivers the 2010 Healthy eating Pilots. These include:-
 - Two Community Chefs (Isle of Sheppey and Dartford/Gravesham)

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- Kent Cooks Cookery Competition for schools
 - Community fruit and veg bag schemes
 - Healthy Eating training for FLOs and Children's Centre staff so that they can cascade the training to families
 - Increasing school meal uptake
 - A school Health Challenge (delivered/piloted in 6 Kent schools)
 - The community-based healthy eating pilots have attracted £450,000 of funding over 3 years from a range of partners (NHS, NCB, GOSE, Food Standards Agency as well as KCC).
 - The pilots have led to further partnerships being forged in order to deliver programmes for the direct benefit of specific communities and families.

The Healthy School's team is also piloting a 'Healthy Early Years' programme (funded by Kent's two PCTs)

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*Subject of Proposed Review:- <p style="text-align: center;">The future of Waste</p>
*Reason for the Review:- (see Note 1 below) Key public issue <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Contact with key representative bodies/forums➤ Media coverage – Public interest issue covered in local media Central Government priority / New Government guidance or legislation published
*Scope of the review:- To consider the potential implications of the review of the Waste Framework Directive, which must be transposed into UK legislation by the end of 2010. To consider measures to minimise the economic impact on KCC as the waste disposal authority and its collection authority partners. To review the effectiveness of existing partnership working and consider options for changes to governance arrangements.
*Purpose and objectives of the Review:- To ensure KCC is apprised of likely changes in national waste policy. To identify the most effective operational model and governance arrangements for the future to secure savings and avoided costs across Kent, delivering improved two-tier working.
Proposer of the review - (Please print name and sign) David Brazier 

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10? (see Note 2 below)

None identified.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

Improved customer service – joined up service delivery
Securing cost savings / cost avoidance for the tax payers of Kent
Improved two-tier working
Contributing to environmental excellence

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

NI 191 – residual household waste, by household.
Target to reduce to 704kg / household by 2010/11

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

The review may need to be refreshed when the waste framework directive has been transposed into UK legislation in 2010.

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

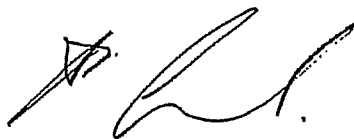
Yes. There is a current consultation on the revised waste framework directive.

How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

The review aims to improve value for money and support effective partnership working.

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-



Strategic Director's Signature:-



Contact Officer:- Sue Barton

Date:- 28.09.09

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*Subject of Proposed Review:-

How the Young People of Kent can interact with and help the Older People of the County & conversely how the Older citizens of Kent can interact with and help the Young citizens.

*Reason for the Review:-

(see Note 1 below)

To ensure that the skills, experience and knowledge of the County's older citizens can benefit the young of the County and at the same time ensuring that the vigour and enthusiasm of the younger generation benefits and helps the older citizens.

*Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-

How can each group "understand" the other
The attitudes of both Groups to each other.
What skills can be transferred between the groups.
How best can each group help the other.
The different philosophies and life styles of each group.
The differing expectations of both groups.

*Scope of the review:-

Investigation of current :-
"life styles"
Interaction
Potential synergies,
Current differences,
Et al.

*Purpose and objectives of the Review:-

To ensure that both groups understand and respect the others' social mores, way of life and ambitions and thus how joining together will result in a greater contribution to both society and each other.
Additionally as a result of a mutual understanding and help, fully develop mutual respect and a will to interact and support each other.
To generate an enthusiasm to work together and to make both groups' lives much richer.

Proposer of the review - (Please print name and sign)

Richard J. Parry

Richard J. Parry.

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10? (see Note 2 below)

This is an important topic which was discussed enthusiastically by all the POCs when considering the Policy Framework for Later Life. However, to ensure the Select Committee work adds value the terms of reference would need to be tightly defined as this is potentially a huge and somewhat nebulous subject. Perhaps the Select Committee could explore practical examples of good practice, in Kent and elsewhere, and consider how such activity could be more widely spread within Kent.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

It would support the delivery of Priority 4 (support people's citizenship, learning and participation in community life) and Priority 7 (promote a positive image of later life and dignity and respect for older people) of the Policy Framework for Later Life, and would contribute to the Children and Young Person's Plan Priority 7 (increase engagement and participation by young people in education, employment and society).

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

It is probably too late to significantly impact on KA2, but potentially the review could support the delivery of

NI6 – Participation in Regular Volunteering
NI110 – Young people's participation in positive activities

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

No.

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

Preparing for and dealing with the demographic changes facing the population both nationally and locally in Kent is a key strategic issue. Any evidence of innovative activity that can

(a) support independent living for older people and prevent them from becoming socially isolated and

(b) encourage young people to interact with older people, learn from them and possibly teach them about new technology
could potentially be very influential

How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

As the squeeze on public expenditure gets ever tighter, it becomes ever more important to find ways in which local communities support the individuals within them, rather than the state so doing. If the terms of reference are focussed accordingly, this review could identify how to stimulate such voluntary activity to the benefit of young and old alike.

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-

Strategic Director's Signature:-



24/9/09

subject to review re maintenance and capacity
- supporting email trail.

Contact Officer:-

Date:-

Notes

Note 1 - Possible reasons for the review

1. Key public issue, identified by
 - Focus groups/citizens panels
 - Member contact with constituents/member surgeries
 - Contact with key representative bodies/forums
 - Media coverage – Public interest issue covered in local media
2. Issue highlighted via POC activities or previous reviews
3. Issue recommended to POC by another body e.g. another POC, Cabinet Scrutiny, Directorate, Cabinet or an external body.
4. Poor performing service i.e.:-
 - High level of complaints/dissatisfaction with service
 - Performance standards poor/below target – (evidence from PI's or benchmarking)
 - Identified through external review/inspection (OFSTED/Audit/ CPA etc)
 - Budgetary overspends
5. Key reports or new evidence published
6. County Council priority
7. Central Government priority/New Government guidance or legislation published

Note 2 - Possible reasons why a review should not be put into the next years/ next two years work

1. Issue being examined by
 - Cabinet
 - Cabinet Scrutiny
 - Officer Group
 - another internal body

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<p>*Subject of Proposed Review:- The impact of the slowdown of existing, and absence of new- Developer Contributions- on the Kent Economy and Regeneration in Kent</p>
<p>*Reason for the Review:- (see Note 1 below)</p> <p>Because the issue has been both highlighted by discussions in the Corporate Policy Overview Committee, and by Districts and Boroughs- especially those in "Growth" areas</p>
<p>*Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:- The two issues attaching to Developer Contributions detailed above.</p>
<p>*Scope of the review:- Wide ranging- involving interviews with representatives of Districts/Boroughs, internal "Regeneration" Units within KCC, government quangos such as HCA, Seeda etc, and Developers themselves such as Land Securities.</p> <p>Suggestions to be sought as how the situation retrieved so that vital infrastructure can be put in place IN ADVANCE of development.</p>
<p>*Purpose and objectives of the Review:- As above.</p>
<p>Proposer of the review - (Please print name and sign)</p> <p>Mike Snelling.....14/07/09.....</p>

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10? (see Note 2 below)

No, in fact we consider the review timely as it will allow KCC to evaluate the effects of the economic recession upon development contributions and infrastructure delivery. The review topic as defined is potentially very broad in its scope. We would suggest that we look at "The impact of the slowdown of existing, and absence of new- Developer Contributions - on key Regeneration schemes in Kent"

The review may also cover alternative funding streams and how they may be utilised to smooth the effects of housing and infrastructure delivery during the economic recession and buoyant markets with a view to agreeing a protocol for the future.

As the success of the review is dependant upon third parties we would like to agree a project brief for the review to ensure deliverability.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

The review will identify areas affecting the ability to secure development contributions and deliver infrastructure in the current economic climate which in turn will enable KCC objectives and priorities to be set in order to deal with the effects of the current housing market.

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

It will help identify any additional actions required to support the delivery of 2010 target 40:-

Ensure that new housing developments include the right infrastructure and local facilities and cater for a mix of age groups and incomes.

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

The review could take 6 to 12 months, dependent upon the engagement of third parties with a concentrated effort over the next 6 to 8 months.

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

The review will help to inform future KCC policy and working with HCA, SEEDA etc could help promote a national approach for dealing with development contributions and infrastructure delivery in the current economic climate.

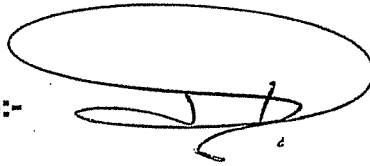
How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

It will identify the issues that need to be addressed to deliver the infrastructure required to support housing delivery during the South East Plan period. This in turn will help future

planning.

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-



Strategic Director's Signature:-



Contact Officer:-

Date:-

ASSESSMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TOPIC REVIEW

*Subject of Proposed Review:-

Renewable energy – what should Kent's role be?

*Reason for the Review:-

The role of renewable energy as part of the mix of future energy supplies is a highly emotive and key public issue, upon which Kent's position is somewhat unclear. Hardly a day goes by without a press or media report on a refusal or a permission for an on or offshore wind farm, on bio-diesel, wood as a fuel, or installations of solar or photovoltaic cells or mini turbines on new or existing buildings, or another new technology. This high level of public interest is likely to continue as pressures on energy security and fuel price worries continue.

Our lifestyles and economy are currently heavily dependant on the use and existence of fossil fuels. Their availability is decreasing and action is needed now to reduce dependency and to develop renewable fuel sources which can offer **future energy security at an affordable price.** The carbon dioxide associated with energy generation as a major contributor to climate change is another key driver for changing to renewable energy. High **carbon emissions and high priced energy bills are also impacting on health** as pollution levels rise and the number of fuel poor residents grows.

Kent's large population and its economy are increasingly affected by this issue. However, its position on how best to meet its future energy needs sustainably and through the **development of renewable energy sources needs further development.** UK targets for renewable energy require a very significant level of change if they are to be met and all communities are being expected to play their part. The role of the public sector in bringing about this transformation has been highlighted in recent Government policy statements.

In Kent we start from a very low level of renewable energy generation (less than 1%). Planning policy is effecting some change in respect of new development but on an inconsistent basis across the County and not at the level required to achieve the expected level of change. There is also the need to address Kent's existing built stock which is highly dependant on fossil fuel energy sources. **KCC's own Environment Policy (2007)** is to 'increase the proportion of the energy needs of our existing estate met from renewable sources'. **Public interest** and awareness about renewable energy has grown but so too has **opposition to new technologies** particular where this involves projects of a community scale **such as large wind turbines or Combined Heat and Power plant.**

There is a real opportunity now to consider how the County Council can bring leadership and direction to the **transformation of energy supply in Kent.** This should cover the role and policies of the County Council, its ability to effect change and buy into the take up of renewable energy solutions, and the use of its estate as an exemplar for the Kent community. Alongside this, consideration should be given to how deploying low carbon and renewable energy technologies can **stimulate and support low carbon economic growth and new jobs in the County.**

Further drivers for a focus on Kent's position include:

- **County Council strategic policy** –Although there is a SE Plan regional renewable policy, there is no clear strategic position at the Kent level. This could result in a

failure to grasp opportunity for economic and social as well as environmental benefit for Kent as opposed to other SE counties, given its potentially advantageous geography.

- **The Kent Economic Board** and its Environment Task Group--- have recently identified energy as a key issue for Kent, as an element of its environmental technologies sector initiative.
- **Previous reviews**--The Climate Change Select Committee in 2007 highlighted energy as a significant issue for the future, particularly in relation to energy security, energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- **Issue recommended to POC by another body** -This Select Committee topic has also been recommended by the Environment Agency (Kent and East Sussex).
- **Policy and legislation**--A whole raft of legislation is emerging around this agenda, including

Climate Change Act requires a 26% cut in carbon emissions by 2020; an 80% cut by 2050.

EU Renewable Energy Directive requires 20% of the EU's energy requirement to come from renewable sources by 2020. The UK target is 15% of total energy requirement which will mean that 30-35% of our electricity will need to be generated renewably.

Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) mandatory scheme is designed to deliver carbon emissions reduction and cost savings in the service sector, public sector and other less energy-intensive industries.

Planning Policies requiring new buildings to adhere to design codes and meet a proportion of their energy demand from on site renewable energy generation are now an integral part of Local Development Frameworks.

Building Regulations --Revisions are driving the adoption of new low carbon technologies and construction methods.

***Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-**

- Future energy supply and key issues in Kent
- Increasing the proportion energy supply from renewable sources
- Obstacles to maximising potential for renewable energy in Kent
- KCC's and Kent's role
- New economic opportunities

***Scope of the review:-**

Kent as a sub region. The full range of renewable technologies should be considered i.e. wind, wave, solar, geothermal, air, biomass

***Purpose and objectives of the Review:-**

Purpose: To increase the take up of renewable energy in Kent and identify opportunities to support the Kent economy

Objectives - to:

- Assess how best to meet the future energy needs of KCC and Kent, particularly in light of carbon reduction and renewable energy targets
- Ensure KCC and Kent make the most of emerging opportunities from a low carbon energy economy
- Recommend a clear KCC policy position on renewable energy

Proposer of the review - (Please print name and sign)

Dr Linda Davies 

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10? (see Note 2 below)

None.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

The review will help deliver reduction of carbon emissions and development of a low carbon energy sector in Kent which will contribute to the delivery of the :

- Kent Agreement 2
- Regeneration Framework
- Vision for Kent
- KCC's Carbon Reduction Commitment obligations

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

Yes – NI185, 186, 187, 188 and 189

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

No, but there is an increasing urgency to address this agenda highlighted by UK and EU targets relating to the supply of energy from sustainable sources.

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

It will impact on KCC's:

- Future KCC building programme
- Housing Strategy
- Direction and delivery of the Regeneration Framework

KCC will be better placed to influence and lead on national, regional and local policy.

How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

It will add value through:

- Increased confidence in security of supply, affordability of energy and the role of renewable energy in that mix
- Identification of opportunities for reducing energy bills for Kent residents, reducing the number of residents deemed fuel poor and addressing linked health issues
- Improved economic performance of business through more stable and reduced energy bills
- Promotion of the low carbon economy in Kent and resulting job creation.

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-



Strategic Director's Signature:-



Contact Officer:-

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Date:-

16/09/09.

ASSESSMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TOPIC REVIEW

(* - sections to be filled in by the proposer of the topic)

*Subject of Proposed Review:- SAFEGUARDING AND ADULT PROTECTION
*Reason for the Review:- (see note 1 below). Recently we have all been aware of the terrible case of 'Baby P' in The London Borough of Haringey and the abuse and neglect that led to the death of a 17 month baby boy. About the same time, in the London Borough of Newham, a young man of 23 with learning difficulties died from neglect and nothing more than lack of care. How many people were aware of this case? Very few, I would guess. We need to be sure we have done everything we possibly can to eliminate the likelihood of any case of neglect and abuse occurring in our Garden of England - Kent.
*Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:- Investigate the present arrangements. To identify areas of good practice and improvement. Ensure people who direct their own support benefit from appropriate safeguards. The relevance of CRB checks, Safeguards from Transition to Adult Care. Arrangements with partners, especially Police and Health Services. Add a definition of a vulnerable person.
*Scope of the review:- Safeguarding from transition through to later life to include the period around passing on - safeguarding a person's dignity and wishes. What safeguards are in place, or should be, for people on Direct Payments or Personal Budgets, arranging their own care? Probably include Care or Nursing Homes, self-funders and vulnerable people placed by other Local Authorities, arrangements in the community and in a person's own home.
*Purpose and objectives of the Review:- To establish a systematic approach in preventing neglect and abuse across the county's Adult Social Services. That effective and fit for purpose safeguarding arrangements are in place and made available to all.
Proposer of the review Tom Maddison – Vice Chairman, ASSPOC (Member for Dartford West)

PS – Please see Commission for Social Care Inspection Report on Safeguarding Adults, published 4 November 2008

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10?

In March 2009 KASS and the safeguarding adults multi agency arrangements were subjected to a full inspection by Commission for Social Care Inspection (now Care Quality Commission). The full report was submitted to Cabinet on 13th July and the outcome of the inspection was that our safeguarding arrangements were Good and our capacity to improve was excellent. An internal and external action plan is in place to address areas for improvement and the outcome of the Action Plan will be reported to the Inspectorate in December 2009.

KASS arranged a full public event as part of the DH consultation on the review of No Secrets. This successful event provided opportunity for staff, officers, members and the public to express their views on Safeguarding arrangements.

There is currently a full review of all legislation related to community care and this is likely to include consideration of the need for specific legislation to support the protection of adults who are vulnerable to abuse.

Safeguarding adults is now an integral part of KASS business and it links into arrangements for safeguarding children, community safety and domestic abuse. Senior officers and practitioners are fully engaged in the multi agency public protection arrangements which aim to reduce the risk posed by dangerous offenders and with the Multi agency risk assessment conferences which bring all agencies together to plan to protect high risk victims of domestic abuse.

The multi agency Safeguarding Adults Board chaired by the KASS managing Director has a published strategy to take forward all identified aspects of safeguarding adults. A Board manager has been appointed to support the board to carry out its strategy.

A review at this time will divert essential resources from the completion of the inspection action plan and is likely to identify the same areas for attention as those reported by the inspector.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

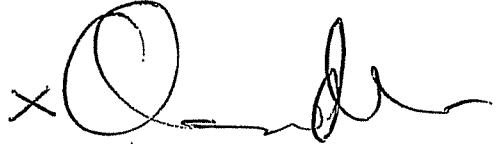
How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-



Strategic Director's Signature:-



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Contact Officer:- Carol McKeough

Date:- 2/9/09

ASSESSMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TOPIC REVIEW

* - sections to be filled in by the proposer of the topic

***Subject of Proposed Review:-**

Skills Shortage and help for finding work opportunities during difficult times

***Reason for the Review:-**

(see Note 1 below)

Questions / concerns raised at the Corporate POC and the CFE POC (Learning and Development) have re enforced my original request for a review of this subject.

Member feedback / general public attempts and concerns. Increased unemployment and fewer job vacancies. Feedback from employers of basic skills (or lack off) from applicants to low skilled jobs.

Also the middle range of mid career redundancies with lack of opportunity to use knowledge and skill transfer. Or complete change in career.

***Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-**

Look at needs verses opportunities available. Recommend increase or implementation of new initiatives for unemployed and skills shortage.

***Scope of the review:-**

Kent County Council and partners. Remit and restrictions by law.

***Purpose and objectives of the Review:-**

To give the residents of Kent the best possible chance to survive and prosper in the changing world of employment.

Proposer of the review - (Please print name and sign)

.....Robert Burgess

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10? (see Note 2 below)

No

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

The outcomes of this review could inform the further development of the Backing Kent People programme – which seeks to help people through the recession. One of the key themes is “employment”.

It would be helpful to consider an initial scoping exercise to determine the key areas of adult skills and work opportunities that the review should focus on.

Note of other related work underway: KCC is working on various projects including the Future Jobs Fund, ThanetWorks apprentices, Gap Year Program and the development of an apprenticeship talent pool for KCC and any other businesses in Kent. The Kent & Medway Capacity Building Project have also decided to develop a pan Kent workforce plan that identifies skills gaps across the public sector in Kent.

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-

Kent Agreement 2 – Theme Economy Success – NI 163 – Adults level 2 skills. Work is focussed on the following:

- working together to help people, especially those who have not worked for a long time, gain the skills and confidence to re-enter the workforce
- participating in a Local Employment Partnership to offer job opportunities
- working together to give co-ordinated support and advice to individuals on how to set up in business and help small businesses to grow

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-

No

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

The review in its research into need and supply of support available and the market place is likely to identify "gaps". The findings could support the ongoing work of the Employment and Skills Board.

The review could (if it chose to) focus on the issue that government policy has shifted funding toward under 19's, with very little for over 24s. Furthermore many mid career changes involve people who already have a level 2 qualification (5 gcse's or better), who can no longer access training funds. Findings in this area could provide evidence (such as the level of demand for over 24 training) to potentially influence Government policy.

How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

The review will enable KCC to understand more fully the precise needs and issues people are facing. It should also identify support, services and systems available to residents which could then be identified on the BKP website and other materials such as the Money Box Magazine.

Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-

There is a substantial amount of work currently underway to consider future skills requirements in Kent in the context of the changing nature of the economy. While the outcomes of this work can support the Review, we should not seek to duplicate this work. It may therefore be most helpful if the scope of the Review focused on support services currently available to support people into work and ways in which they could be improved in the short to medium term or new services introduced where there are gaps.

Portfolio Holder's Signature:-

Strategic Director's Signature:-



Contact Officer:- Caroline Hooper

Date:- 23rd Sept 09

Notes

Note 1 - Possible reasons for the review

1. Key public issue, identified by

- Focus groups/citizens panels
- Member contact with constituents/member surgeries
- Contact with key representative bodies/forums