

By: Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership

To: Cabinet – 12 May 2008

Subject: Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 23 April 2008

Classification: Unrestricted

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

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 23 April 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 – 23 April 2008

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Annual Unit Business Plans	To agree which Unit Business Plans will be considered in further detail later in the year, at an Informal Member Group	None	<p>The following Unit Business Plans were selected for detailed scrutiny later in the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Highways Services • Children’s Services (Clusters) • Communications and Media Centre • Direct payments (part of Adult Social Services)
Proposed Disposal of land fronting the A20 in Allington	To explore in further detail the background to this proposal by the County Council, particularly in view of the concerns that had been expressed to the Committee from the trustees of the Allington Baptist Church, via local Members.	Mr N Chard , Cabinet Member for Finance; Mrs E Walker , Head of Asset Management and Disposals – Property Group; Mr J Wilkinson , Trustee of the Allington Baptist Church	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Chard, Mrs Walker and Mr Wilkinson be thanked for attending the meeting to answer Members’ questions 2. We welcome the comments from Mr Chard that the proposed development scheme for the site at Leafy Lane will only work in there is a successful and mutually acceptable solution to both KCC and the Allington Baptist Church in relation to the relocation of their premises 3. We welcome the commitment and willingness of both parties to continue to work together to find a suitable

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			<p>alternative location for the Allington Baptist Church; in particular, we are pleased to note Mr Chard's commitment to become more involved personally to resolve the various issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. We note that, should outline planning permission be granted to KCC for the site at Leafy Lane, there will be a requirement upon KCC to facilitate the relocation of the Allington Baptist Church to new premises before their existing premises are closed. 5. We particularly welcome the commitment given by KCC to provide the Allington Baptist Church with a freehold site, which would not be smaller and could be larger than their existing site. 6. We would support the carrying out of two surveys; one by the Allington Baptist Church to assess existing usage in terms of attendance at various services/clubs/activities etc. and the distances that individuals travel to attend the church; secondly, one to be carried out by KCC to assess potential usage of the church and its existing services by people living near

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			to the proposed alternative site off Bower Mount Road.
<p>Proposed Outsourcing of delivery services beyond the boundaries of Kent</p>	<p>To examine the process that has led to the proposed outsourcing of delivery services beyond the boundaries of Kent.</p>	<p>Mr N Chard, Cabinet Member for Finance and Mr K Harlock, Director of Commercial Services.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No comment be made on the specific decision relating to the outsourcing of delivery services beyond the boundaries of Kent. 2. The Corporate Policy Overview Committee and the Informal Member Group on budgetary issues be asked to monitor the activities of Commercial Services in relation to the objectives and targets contained within their business plan, together with issues relating to customer satisfaction and value for money. 3. The Director of Commercial Services be commended for achieving increased income for the Council, helping keep the cost of Council Tax down.