

**To:** Communities Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
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**By:** Mike Hill, Cabinet Member, and Amanda Honey, Managing Director, Communities

**Subject:** The Kent Supporting People Programme

**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** This report introduces members to the Supporting People Programme and presents a draft Strategy for 2010-15.

## **FOR CONSULTATION**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Supporting People Programme transferred to Communities on 1 September 2009 from Kent Adult Social Services. It is funded by the Communities and Local Government Department and provides housing related support services which enable vulnerable people to remain living independently.

1.2 The team which manages the programme is led by Claire Martin and is based within the Youth and Community Support division of the Communities Directorate. The team commissions a range of services from over 120 providers in the county and supports approximately 23,000 people in 21 different client groups including, for example, people with learning disabilities and young people at risk.

1.3 The attached paper (Appendix One) introduces members to the services provided by the programme and gives a resume of the key points of a draft strategy for the next five years. The strategy has been subject to consultation with a range of service providers, service users and the Supporting People Commissioning Body and comments from members of this Committee are also invited. A link to the full document is given below for those who wish to examine it in further detail.

[www.kent.gov.uk/supportingpeople](http://www.kent.gov.uk/supportingpeople))

1.4 The final draft will be presented to KCC's Cabinet on 1st February 2010 for endorsement and then to the Supporting People Commissioning Body for approval in March. The Commissioning Body is a multi agency group, including representatives from the 12 District authorities, KCC Adult and Children's Services, Health and Probation and is chaired by the cabinet member for Communities.

1.5 A short presentation will be given at this meeting to allow members an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the service.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

Members are asked to

2.1 NOTE the transfer of the Supporting People programme to Communities and the scope of its services

2.2 COMMENT on the main points of the draft Strategy as summarised in Appendix One

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### **Background Information:**

Five-Year Kent Supporting People Strategy 2005-2010  
Annual Plans 2003-2008  
Strategy Refresh, June 2008  
Commissioning Body Report Developing the Supporting People Strategy 2010-2015