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To: Cabinet – 29 March 2010

Subject: Decisions from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 25 January 2010, 10 February 2010

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 25 January 2010 and 10 February 2010 are set out in the Appendix to this paper.

### **Recommendation**

3. 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 – 25 January 2010

Title	Purpose of Consideration	Guests	Decisions	Cabinet Member Response
<b>Budget 2010/2011 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2010 - 2013</b>	The Committee considered the draft Budget and draft Medium Term Plan	Mr Simmonds Ms Carey Ms McMullan Mr Wood Mr Shipton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank Mr Simmonds, Ms Carey, Ms McMullan, Mr Wood and Mr Shipton for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions. Particular thanks were offered to the Finance staff who Members of the Committee thought were amongst the most open and helpful in the Council in this and previous years;</li> <li>2. Welcomes the offer of the Director of Finance to provide an annotated (to enable a brief update) copy of the report into funding received from Government by the County Council;</li> <li>3. Welcomes the assurance of the Cabinet Member for Finance that the issue of Chief Officer Group bonuses will be considered by a future Personnel Committee;</li> <li>4. Welcomes the offer of the Director of Finance to provide a breakdown of Asylum costs to the Committee;</li> <li>5. Welcomes the offer of the Finance Strategy Manager to provide written confirmation of the money spent and allocated to implement Select Committee recommendations;</li> <li>6. Welcomes the offer of the Finance Strategy Manager to provide further information on the call numbers relating to Healthwatch and the cost to KCC of advertising the service.</li> </ol>	The information requested has been produced by officers and circulated to all Members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.

**Cabinet Scrutiny Committee –10 February 2010**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose of Consideration</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Decisions</b>	<b>Cabinet Member Response</b>
<b>Decision to award the Kent TV contract to an external company</b>	In light of the decision made on 9 February to terminate the Kent TV at the end of the pilot period in March 2010 there was no longer a formal item for call in. The witnesses kindly agreed to answer Members' questions	Mr R Gough Mrs T Oliver	1. Thank Mr Gough and Mrs Oliver for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions.	
<b>The Kent Supporting People Programme &amp; the Five Year Supporting People Strategy 2010 - 2015</b>	The Committee wanted to examine the overall direction of travel and whether the targeting of resources would impact on the residential warden service and other matters.	Mr A Sandhu, MBE, Ms A Honey Ms A Slaven Miss C Martin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank Mr A Sandhu, MBE, Ms A Honey, Ms A Slaven and Miss C Martin for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions;</li> <li>2. Ask that the relevant officer clarify in writing the Council's position of preventing providers from removing residential wardens.</li> </ol>	The information requested has been produced by officers and circulated to all Members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.