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Subject: *Towards 2010* Annual Report

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Summary:

In September 2006, KCC set itself 63 challenging and ambitious targets in the *Towards 2010* plans for Kent. This report attaches the current draft of the third *Towards 2010* Annual Report for comment and consideration by Cabinet prior to its submission to County Council for approval on 15 October.

FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION

1. Introduction

In September 2006 we launched our priorities for the next four years (2006- 2010). *Towards 2010* sets out how we will achieve the following overarching goals over this period:

- Increased prosperity for Kent through business growth and job creation
- Transformation in education
- Reduced congestion
- Improved health and quality of life
- Quality homes in a well-managed environment
- A safer Kent
- Continued improvements in services while keeping council tax down.

Delivery of many of the 63 *Towards 2010* targets requires cross-directorate and partnership working. Each of the *Towards 2010* targets is accompanied by a public action plan on KCC's website that sets out how it will be met and which is updated annually.

The third Annual Report against *Towards 2010* is attached for Cabinet to consider prior to its presentation to County Council for approval on 15 October 2009.

Annual reports on progress are discussed and approved by County Council each autumn. At this stage we are three quarters of the way through the term of *Towards 2010*.

Progress has been made since the last annual report in October 2008 and the current status of the 63 targets is as follows:

- 12 (19%) ‘Done and ongoing’
- 46 (73%) ‘On course’
- 4 (6%) ‘More progress is needed’.

NB Progress against Target 44 (Establish a Global Centre in Kent that will lead the world in developing crops to provide energy, medicines and other products) will no longer be separately reported as the world has changed since the original *Towards 2010* concept for a Global Centre for non-food crops was first proposed and this target will not now be achieved.

2. Format of the report

In order to help us focus on the difference that *Towards 2010* has made to the people of Kent so far, as well what we still need to do, the separate reports for each target have been sharpened so that they set out the main outcomes achieved since the start of the *Towards 2010* term, and what we intend to deliver over the remaining twelve months and beyond.

3. Approval process

Lead officers completed their draft reports in July for discussion and agreement with their managing directors and portfolio holders. The reports have been quality checked by Performance Management Group, Chief Executives Dept, and discussed and agreed with the Leader.

The third Annual Report will be sent to County Council for approval at the meeting on 15 October. Once approved, it will be published on KCC's website.

As in previous years, the draft report was discussed at each of the Policy Overview Committee (POC) meetings during September to allow Members to have a chance to comment and ask questions prior to County Council.

4. Recommendations

Cabinet is asked:

To NOTE progress against the 63 *Towards 2010* targets and the arrangements for publishing the Annual Report.

To RECOMMEND the final draft of the first *Towards 2010* Annual Report to County Council for approval on 15 October 2009.

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