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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the meeting of the **CABINET** on Monday 5 October 2020 at 11.00 am, the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

- a Performance Report - First Quarter 2020/21 (Page 2)
To consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- b Affordable Housing Delivery (Page 3)
To consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- c Council Tax Premium for Long-Term Empty Properties Directly Affected by COVID-19 (Page 4)
To consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- d Cleaning of Communal Areas in Housing Blocks (Page 5)
To consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

PERFORMANCE REPORT – FIRST QUARTER 2020/21

Responsibility: Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Digital

Report of: Head of Leadership Support

Decision Route

Cabinet	7 September 2020	CAB 7
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	14 September 2020	Minute No 9
Cabinet	5 October 2020	

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 14 September 2020, made the following recommendations to Cabinet:

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That Cabinet be asked to note the concerns of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the low levels set as targets for performance indicators EKS02d.1 (percentage of incidents resolved within 1 working day) and EKS02d.2 (percentage of incidents resolved within 3 working days), and that these be reviewed. As part of this, a comparison with the targets for other local authorities was proposed.
 - (b) That the appropriate Portfolio Holder and officers be requested to work with East Kent Services to improve performance in respect of EKS02d.1 and EKS02d.2 through smarter working practices.
 - (c) That performance indicator KPI03-d (percentage of Council taxes due for the financial year which were received in year by the authority) have a trend and RAG status indicator added for future editions of the Performance Report.

ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY

Responsibility: Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health

Report of: Head of Finance and Housing

Decision Route

Cabinet	7 September 2020	CAB 4
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	14 September 2020	Minute No 10
Cabinet	5 October 2020	

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 14 September 2020, endorsed Cabinet decision CAB 4 of 7 September 2020 as follows:

That the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health, be authorised to take all necessary actions to develop and deliver an increased programme of affordable housing by Dover District Council, both by direct delivery and via registered providers and community organisations.

ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM FOR LONG-TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Responsibility: Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Digital

Report of: Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)

Decision Route

Cabinet	7 September 2020	CAB 5
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	14 September 2020	Minute No 11
Cabinet	5 October 2020	

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 14 September 2020, endorsed Cabinet decision CAB 5 of 7 September 2020 as follows:

That, using powers of discretion afforded by Section 13A 1(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 2012), a reduction in the additional Council Tax premium charged on properties empty for over 5 years, from 200% to 100%, for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2020, be approved. This is provided the property is occupied by 30 September 2020, and subject to individual Council Tax-payers meeting the eligibility and qualification criteria set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report and complying with the application process, evidential requirements and award conditions set out in paragraphs 8, 11 and 12 of the report.

ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

CLEANING OF COMMUNAL AREAS IN HOUSING BLOCKS

Responsibility: Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health

Report of: Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial)

Decision Route

Cabinet	7 September 2020	CAB 13
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	14 September 2020	Minute No 13
Cabinet	5 October 2020	

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 14 September 2020, made the following recommendations to Cabinet:

- (a) That the Cabinet be asked to note the concerns of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the contractor.
- (b) That a monitoring report on the contract be brought back to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.