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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the meeting of the **SCRUTINY (POLICY AND PERFORMANCE) COMMITTEE** on Tuesday 12 September 2017 at 6.00 pm, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

6 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY (POLICY AND PERFORMANCE) COMMITTEE** (Pages 2 - 5)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 4 September 2017 in respect of recommendations from the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee:

- Closure of Area Offices
- Outsourcing of Revenues, Benefits, Debt Recovery and Customer Services Functions (Revision of Delegations to the East Kent Services Committee)
- Regent Cinema Update

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

Decision Status	Record of Decision	Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	Reasons for Decision	Conflicts of interest (if any) declared by decision maker(s) or consultees (if any)
<p>CAB 47 4.9.17 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 12 September 2017</p> <p>~</p>	<p><u>EK SERVICES' FACE-TO-FACE SERVICE PROVISION/CLOSURE OF AREA OFFICES</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's endorsement of Cabinet decision CAB 24 (b), made at its meeting held on 11 July 2017 (Minute No 41), be acknowledged.</p> <p>(b) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (b) be approved, noting that the further detail requested on Aylesham and Sandwich has been included in the report to Cabinet.</p> <p>(c) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (c) be rejected.</p> <p>(d) That the additional information and data provided be noted.</p> <p>(e) That the withdrawal of face-to-face customer services at Deal Library, Aylesham and Sandwich be approved, noting that a District Council footprint will be maintained via the provision of a dedicated telephone line. 'Webchat' will be included as part of the on-line service provision for specified services and home visits will be available to vulnerable persons who are unable to access services through any other means.</p> <p>(f) That the Director of EK Shared Services be authorised to determine the final date of closure, in consultation with the Director of Finance, Housing and Community and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>At its meeting held on 3 July 2017, Cabinet considered a report proposing the closure of the Council's customer service desks at Aylesham, Deal and Sandwich (CAB 24). Cabinet agreed that the Aylesham and Sandwich desks should be closed, but deferred a decision on Deal pending more information. The Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee considered Cabinet decision CAB 24, and recommended that the closure of the Aylesham and Sandwich desks should also be deferred pending more information. The Committee also recommended that it should consider the report prior to it going to Cabinet.</p>	

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<p>CAB 48 4.9.17 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions No</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 12 September 2017</p> <p>ω</p>	<p><u>OUTSOURCING OF REVENUES, BENEFITS, DEBT RECOVERY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES FUNCTIONS (REVISION OF DELEGATIONS TO THE EAST KENT SERVICES COMMITTEE)</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's endorsement of Cabinet decision CAB 28, made at its meeting held on 11 July 2017 (Minute No 42), be acknowledged.</p> <p>(b) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (iii), made at its meeting held on 11 July 2017 (Minute No 42), be rejected, as follows:</p> <p>That the Cabinet be requested to grant pre-decision scrutiny on the report and the relevant Portfolio Holder be requested to attend the meeting of the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee where the report is considered.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet decision CAB 28 be reaffirmed.</p>	<p>To accept the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.</p>	<p>The Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee, at its meeting held on 11 July 2017, endorsed Cabinet decision CAB 28 of 3 July 2017 and made an additional recommendation.</p>	

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<p>CAB 49 4.9.17 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions No</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 12 September 2017</p> <p>➤</p>	<p><u>REGENT CINEMA UPDATE</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendations (i) and (ii), made at its meeting held on 3 August 2017 (Minute No 4), be approved, subject to (i) being amended as follows:</p> <p>(i) That the Leader of the Council chair and attempt to facilitate a meeting between the owners of the Regent Cinema and representatives of the Reopen the Regent Group and the Deal Society.</p> <p>(ii) That the Cabinet encourage the owners of the Regent Cinema to have regular contact with the ward Councillors for Deal and local community groups.</p> <p>(b) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (iii) be rejected as it is considered that the information requested on a Compulsory Purchase Order has already been provided and that a further report is therefore unnecessary.</p> <p>(c) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (iv) be rejected since the Council currently has no plans to pursue a Compulsory Purchase Order.</p> <p>(d) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (v) be approved, noting that the Director of Finance, Housing and Community has requested an update on business rates.</p> <p>(e) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendations (vi) and (vii) be approved, noting that these requests can be taken forward by Officers at the meeting</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee, at its meeting held on 3 August 2017, received an update on the Regent Cinema and made several recommendations to Cabinet.</p>	

	<p>convened between the owners, the Reopen the Regent Group and the Deal Society.</p> <p>(f) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (viii) be rejected since the covenant cannot be changed by the Council.</p> <p>(g) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (ix) be rejected since the history of the site and how it came to be in the Council's ownership is well known and publicly available.</p> <p>(H) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee's recommendation (x) be approved, albeit that the Council is likely to rely on a legal mechanism rather than a covenant. Should any transfer or sale of land take place, the relevant Portfolio Holder would be consulted.</p>			
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