













Appendix B-Corporate Improvement Plan completed actions



001 Developing a clear view of where partnership resources can be focused to improve service outcomes (LINKED TO AGS 2)						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 001.01	Resource Mapping exercise undertaken and presented to LSP board			31-Aug-2011	Sarah Robson	Phase two of the resource mapping exercise was presented to the LSP Board and Delivery Group at the LSP Away Day on 1 April 2011.
CIP 001.02	Decisions made by the LSP on the future allocation of resources			30-Apr-2011	Sarah Robson	

002 Monitoring effectiveness of counter fraud partnership with Tunbridge Wells						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 002.01	Provide the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the operation of the counter fraud partnership			31-Aug-2010	Steve McGinnes	Following a request from the Audit Committee and further to discussion with the Overview and Scrutiny Manager, it was agreed that an update would be provided to the Audit Committee instead of Overview and Scrutiny. A presentation was made to the Committee on the 20.09.2010, with agreement for future updates to be provided annually.



003 Addressing the outstanding learning and development issues from the IIP reassessment and equality impact assessments						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 003.01	Create action plan of outstanding L&D issues to be implemented before reassessment			31-Jan-2011	Tina Edwards	Re-accreditation for IIP was gained in March 2011. Tina is currently on leave- further update awaited
CIP 003.02	Undertake child protection training			30-Apr-2010	Claire Hayes	







Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 003.03	Include Transgender training on the new corporate training calendar			30-Jun-2011	Claire Hayes	Sessions added in quarterly for 2010/11







004 Improve areas of weakness where Audit reports have shown a level of assurance lower than substantial one area remains outstanding since March 2009: Aspects of section 106 Agreements







Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 004.01	Undertake six monthly follow-up review by Internal Audit on these areas to ensure recommendations have been implemented			30-Sep-2010	Brian Parsons	This is an ongoing process. All reports are followed-up after six months. Where action has not been taken, the Head of Service is made aware in a report, with a copy to the Director and the Chief Executive. If this occurs in an area where only limited control assurance was in place at the time of the original audit, the lack of action will be reported to a meeting of the Audit Committee.










005 Further work is required to build on work currently undertaken by the Council with partners on delivering outcomes for the public.





Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 005	Further work is required to build on work currently undertaken by the Council with partners on delivering outcomes for the public.			30-Sep-2010	Zena Cooke	The work to incorporate the Safer Maidstone Partnership and the Local Children's Trust Board into the Local Strategic Partnership arrangements has been completed. Further work in relation to partnership working and delivering outcomes with partners will be undertaken as part of the Locality Board arrangements and will also be monitored as part of the Community Partnerships Team Service Plan.







006 Develop and implement a Waste and Recycling Strategy						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 006.01	Research existing strategies, particularly amongst waste partnerships			30-Apr-2010	Jennifer Gosling	Existing strategies have been researched and reference visits to Southend on Sea and Tunbridge Wells have been undertaken to learn about different recycling strategies. Maidstone's Waste and Recycling Strategy has now been drafted and links with the existing Kent Waste Strategy and Sustainable Community Strategy.
CIP 006.02	Develop a short strategy for the Cabinet Member for Environment to approve			30-Apr-2010	Jennifer Gosling	The Waste and Recycling Strategy 2010 - 2015 was approved on Friday 24th September 2010.
CIP 006.03	Implement Waste and Recycling Strategy			31-May-2010	Jennifer Gosling	The strategy was approved on 24th September 2010 and implementation has started on the new food waste collection service. The strategy will be implemented over the next 5 years.

007 Ensure that the finance section has the appropriate skill mix to meet the more challenging reporting requirements of IFRS.						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 007.01	Annual Training Programme of Seminars and Workshops			31-Mar-2010	Claire Hayes ; Paul Riley	
CIP 007.02	Undertake Internal Development of team members through cross training			30-Jun-2010	Claire Hayes ; Paul Riley	
CIP 007.03	Enhance team through filling vacancy			28-Feb-2010	Paul Riley	





008 Implement strategies for managing the expectations of consultees						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 008.01	Review of consultation handbook and toolkit carried out as part of communication strategy			31-Dec-2009	Roger Adley	Review was completed in December 2009 and the revised handbook and tool-kit has been rolled out to staff.
CIP 008.02	Present handbook and toolkit to members and officers			31-Mar-2010	Roger Adley	The revised consultation handbook and tool-kit have been rolled out. A presentation on the handbook has been given to section managers and was also undertaken with the staff forum.
CIP 008.03	Actions developed to manage the expectations of consultees			31-Jul-2010	Roger Adley; Angela Woodhouse	The consultation toolkit includes advice to ensure that this is considered at the onset.

009 Demonstrating improved service delivery and customer satisfaction from Council initiatives (e.g. Gateway)						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 009.01	Evaluate results from the 2009 mystery shopping exercise			30-Jun-2010	Sandra Marchant	The results from the 2009 Mystery Shopping programme have been analysed and a report was submitted to Corporate Management Team and agreed on 3 August 2010.
CIP 009.02	Undertake mystery shopping exercise and evaluate results			30-Jun-2011	Sandra Marchant	The final report from the 2010 Kent Wide Mystery Shopping exercise has been issued.
CIP 009.03	Benchmark performance of Contact team through KCSNG			31-Oct-2010	Sandra Marchant	Another Measurement and Benchmarking exercise was completed in November 2010 and results form across Kent will be available at the end of January. The KCSNG have agreed to continue to run the exercise on a quarterly basis.
CIP 009.04	Undertake benchmarking with the national one stop shop benchmarking group			28-Feb-2011	Sandra Marchant	Data for the annual National One Stop Shop (NOSS) benchmarking exercise was submitted in June 2010 for the year 2009 to 2010. The overall results have now been issued to members of the group submitting data.
CIP 009.05	Review customer care charter			30-Apr-2010	Sandra Marchant	A Customer Care Charter has been drawn up but still requires agreement from the Head of Communications and then reported to Management Team for final approval.



010 Ensuring evolving partnerships maintain principles of good governance						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 010.01	Carry out assessments of key partnerships	 100%		30-Apr-2010	Sarah Robson	The LSP delivery groups and partners was finalised in June 2011. However, the next stage will be to manage the transition from LSP to Locality Board.
CIP 010.02	Review partnership protocol	 100%		30-Sep-2010	Sarah Robson	The partnership protocol has been completed and endorsed at Committee. SR to upload onto Community Partnerships Sharepoint site and promote internally.

011 The council considers and tracks with its significant partners the impact on users when making decisions on reducing costs.						
CIP 011.01	Work with KCC to coordinate the effects of savings on inter-organisations	 100%		31-Oct-2010	Paul Riley	Development work completed through the MTFS at a strategic level, ongoing dialogue and coordination now part of relevant managers' service plans
CIP 011.02	Expand the consultation on the budget strategy and the MTFS to include the impact of the identification savings with partners	 100%		31-Dec-2010	Paul Riley	This work has been completed as part of the MTFS. Ongoing consultation on savings targets will be a formal part of the annual budget strategy process
CIP 011.03	Work with the LSP on the resource mapping project and feed into the MTFS	 100%		31-Dec-2010	Paul Riley	LSP resource mapping project on track, initial results received, further work progressing.



012 Progress and monitor action plans to improve satisfaction on those services where one in five people were dissatisfied with the service.						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 012.01	Assess the possible use of mosaic to raise satisfaction			30-Sep-2010	Georgia Hawkes	The 2008 Place survey results have been submitted for analysis using Mosaic Public sector and the results are expected shortly. This will give information on how different types of people answered the questions in the Place Survey, including satisfaction with specific services and overall satisfaction with the way the Council runs things. These results could then be used to try and influence people's perceptions of the Council and the services it provides. However, as central government has removed the requirement to undertake the Place Survey and the Council has taken a decision not to undertake a similar survey for the present, there is no way of measuring this and comparing with the original Place Survey results.
CIP 012.02	Continue to monitor the action plans and present reports to Cabinet			31-Oct-2010	Angela Woodhouse	Report went to Cabinet May 2010

013 The authority has made a commitment to carbon reduction and has established a Climate Change Strategy. Ensure that the Strategy is successfully implemented over the next three years.						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 013.01	To develop the Carbon Reduction Action Plan in conjunction with the Energy Saving Trust One-to-One Programme			30-Apr-2010	Jenny Hunt	The Carbon Reduction Action Plan was developed and 15 actions were taken forward. Although this was never developed into published action plan due to delays with the Climate Change Framework amid central government policy changes, these have now all been delivered. The Carbon Reduction Action Plan will be updated in due course to reflect the work undertaken and to move this forward.
CIP 013.02	To implement the actions of the Carbon Reduction Plan and report back progress and update the action plan on a yearly basis			30-Mar-2011	Jenny Hunt	The 15 actions that were chosen to form part of the Carbon Reduction Action Plan have now been delivered. The Carbon Reduction Action Plan will now be updated to reflect this progress and to move this action plan forward.



014 Seek technical advice when accounting for complex capital transactions, discuss proposed action with the external auditor early on so that the accounting treatment can be agreed prior to productions of draft financial statements



Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 014.01	Ensure that all future quarterly review meetings with Auditor include an agenda item on issues that may involve complex accounting transactions.			30-Mar-2011	Paul Riley	This has now been achieved







015 The Council should review asset valuations at each year-end considering both impairment and other material changes in asset values













Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 015.01	Request, as part of annual review of 20% of assets, an assessment of material changes in all asset values.			31-May-2010	Chris Finch; Paul Riley	complete

016 Once the Council has taken a decision to dispose of an asset this should be re-categorised from operational assets to non-operational assets, surplus for resale, and revalued to market valuation obtained prior to sale in accordance with the SORP

Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 016.01	Identify process in closedown procedure and formally reconcile actions with asset sales detailed in usable capital receipts / cabinet member decisions			31-May-2010	Paul Holland; Gill West	

017 Prime council tax records should be retained until completion of the annual audit, and otherwise in accordance with the Council's document retention policy.						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 017.01	Set up share point site accessible to revenues team to hold records of VO balancing			28-Feb-2010	Steve McGinnes	An area has been created within the existing Revs and Bens team site to provide a full audit trail.

018 Promoting the role of the Audit Committee in ensuring action plans are implemented and contributing to risk identification						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 018.01	Consideration given to a review being carried out across the four MKIP authorities of the audit committees.			30-Mar-2010	Brian Parsons	Review agreed by all four MKIP authorities in September 2010
CIP 018.02	Commission the IDEa to carry out a review of the Council's Audit Committee The role of the Committee in ensuring action plans are implemented and risk identification will be considered as part of the review.			30-Jun-2010	Brian Parsons	The IDEa commissioned via proposal in August 2010
CIP 018.03	Present findings to the Audit Committee on the options for future development.			30-Jun-2010	Brian Parsons	The report arising from the LGID review was presented to the Audit Committee on the 17 January 2011. The Committee agreed to create an action plan and will meet informally to agree the detail to be included. The Plan will be endorsed at the next formal meeting of the Committee on 21 March 2011, and will be implemented over the coming months.

019 Use customer and staff feedback to improve the way the Council delivers services						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 019.02	Involve staff in the service planning process			04-Mar-2011	Angela Woodhouse	Staff events have been held to discuss the new priorities. New guidance and support has been issued to managers
CIP 019.03	Carry out consultation on the Strategic Plan			31-Jan-2011	Angela Woodhouse	Consultation carried out with staff and customers
CIP 019.04	Learn from complaints by spotting trends at first stage			31-Jan-2011	Ellie Kershaw; Ellie* Kershaw	Complaints are analysed for their reasons and then reported to CMT and the Standards Committee
CIP 019.05	Consider staff engagement as part of the Councils Communication Strategy			30-Apr-2011	Roger Adley	
CIP 019.06	Create an intranet site with information on the demographics etc of those living in the borough			30-Jun-2011	Georgia Hawkes	New intranet page created under Business Improvement site with links to KCC's facts and figures pages and other useful links e.g. Kent Police, health statistics etc. Unit Managers will now be asked for any other useful links they are aware of.
CIP 019.07	Service specific reviews supported by business improvement to include the use of customer feedback & insight			30-Apr-2011	Georgia Hawkes	When Business Improvement support other teams in making improvements customer feedback and customer insight e.g. Mosaic is always used. For example, Mosaic has been used to support Waste and Recycling - maximising take up of services and maximising volunteers for the Mote Park improvements. In 2011 work will also start with Private sector Housing and customer feedback through complaints and surveys will be considered and the customers of the service will be examined and profiled using Mosaic.

020 Determine the top priorities of the Council and ensure that plans, policies and strategies link to these						
Code	Title	Progress Bar	Status Icon	Due Date	Assigned To	Latest Note
CIP 020.01	Define the Council's top three priorities and use these to determine the focus of the Council in terms of members, staff, finances and partnership working.			31-Jan-2011	Angela Woodhouse	
CIP 020.02	Develop a budget strategy action plan to show where efficiencies and savings will be delivered			31-Jan-2011	Paul Riley	
CIP 020.03	Project management toolkit presentation at unit managers meeting			31-Mar-2011	Georgia Hawkes	Presentation on the Project Management Toolkit made to Unit Managers meeting in March 2011.
CIP 020.04	Research project sponsor training for management team			31-Mar-2011	Georgia Hawkes	Project Sponsor training will be carried out with Senior Management Team in November 2011.