

Kent County Council

Affordable Housing Select Committee

Hearing Day 6

Thursday 27th February 2020

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Vicky Hodson

Partnership Manager, Kent Homechoice

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of Homechoice. How does Homechoice operate and what are its aims? What have its key achievements been?
- How many people are on the housing register in Kent? How many people are in housing need in the county?
- Who is given priority on the housing waiting list?
- What are the average waiting times for the allocation of social and affordable housing in Kent?
- Please discuss the type and size of properties required to meet applicants' needs.
- In your view, what are the main opportunities and challenges associated with the allocation of affordable housing in Kent?
- What more should KCC do, if anything, to support the delivery and provision of affordable housing in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to this review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?