



## AGENDA

### SELECT COMMITTEE - CORPORATE PARENTING

**Monday, 5th October, 2015, at 2.00 pm**

Ask for: **Denise Fitch/Gaetano Romagnuolo**

**Wantsum Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone**

Telephone **03000 416090/416624**

*Tea/Coffee will be available 15 minutes before the start of the meeting in the meeting room*

#### **Membership**

Mrs Z Wiltshire (Chairman), Mr R E Brookbank, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr B Neaves, Mr M J Northey, Mr R J Parry, Mrs P A V Stockell and Mrs J Whittle

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

*(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)*

Apologies for absence

2.00pm - Interview with Andrew Scott-Clark - Director of Public Health  
3.00pm (KCC) (Pages 3 - 6)

3.15pm - Interview with Carol Infanti - Commissioning Officer - Social Care,  
4.15pm Health and Wellbeing - KCC (Pages 7 - 10)

4.15pm - Interview with John Littlemore - Chief Housing Officer - Maidstone  
5.15pm Borough Council (Pages 11 - 14)

#### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

*(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)*

Peter Sass  
Head of Democratic Services  
03000 416647

**Friday, 25 September 2015**

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## **Biography of Witness**

### **Andrew Scott-Clark**

Andrew joined Kent County Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 as part of the NHS reorganisation and the transfer of responsibility for the Public's Health to Local Authorities. He is the Director of Public Health. Andrew's previous role was Deputy Director Public Health for NHS Eastern and Coastal and before that the Director of Public Health for Swale PCT.

Andrew is a member of the Faculty of Public Health and his role is to provide Public Health leadership with a focus on preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through working with health, other public sector and voluntary organisations.

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### **Themes and Questions**

#### **Andrew Scott-Clark, Director of Public Health**

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that you post involves
- What are your corporate parenting duties and responsibilities as a member of the Corporate Management Team?
- What does the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) say about the health needs of children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers) and what steps are being taken to improving the data?
- How is data (and information) used to inform provision and commissioning arrangements and, how are Public Health activities influenced by the 'voice of children and families'?
- What are the Public Health Department's key objectives for the improvement of children and young people in cares' outcomes?
- As an at-risk group, what access do children in care (young people) get to services to help with substance misuse, sexual health and teenage pregnancy?
- How does the public health function assist KCC in evaluating the impact of actions taken across the health economy in addressing health inequalities?
- What further steps could be taken by the Public Health Department to influence NHS organisations in Kent to address the need for specialist therapeutic health services?
- What additional key measures could enable Members to stand-in as effective corporate parents?

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## Biography of Witness

### **Carol Infanti**

Carol is a Commissioning Officer in the Strategic Commissioning team, Children's services. She currently manages the emotional wellbeing contract, and the children in care element of the child and young people mental health service provided by Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust. She is part of the core group which has been developing the emotional wellbeing strategy and which will be involved in the procurement of the new services.

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#### **Carol Infanti, Commissioning Officer, Social Care, Health and Wellbeing**

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves
- Please provide a brief outline of the main commissioned services most used by children in care?
- How well does the child and adolescents mental health services (CAMHS) provide for children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers)?
- What does successfully commissioned CAMHS service for children and young people look like?
- How effective are the measures currently in place to address waiting times for assessment and access to therapeutic interventions?
- What further actions could be taken in respect of integrated commissioning to further improve outcomes for children and young people?
- How do the existing commissioning activities empower children and young people and their families and/or carers in shaping the commissioning of services?
- What additional key measures could enable Members to stand-in as effective corporate parents?

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## Biography of Witness

### **John Littlemore**

John Littlemore is employed as the Head of Housing & Community Services by Maidstone Borough Council; covering Housing, Community Safety, Environmental Health and Licensing. John has nearly 30 years' experience working within the public housing sector for both local authority and housing association organisations at a senior level.

John is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing. John is the current Chair of the Kent Joint Policy and Planning Board a strategic partnership between health, housing and social care.

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**John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Services, Maidstone Borough Council**

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves
- What are the key challenges across districts in addressing housing issues for children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers)?
- What does the Kent Housing Strategy say about the housing needs of children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers) and how does this respond to other local authority children placed in Kent?
- What are the key housing objectives in 2015/16 for promoting the independence of children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers)?
- As an at-risk group, what preferential access do 16-17 years old who are children in care have to accommodation?
- How do housing authorities monitor the effectiveness of housing provision for children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers)?
- What specific support do housing authorities provide to care leavers?
- What else could be done to increase the awareness and understanding of corporate parenting issues by borough council Members?

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