

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 1

Friday 23 April 2010

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

Marisa White, Head of Extended Services, Children, Families and Education Directorate, Kent County Council

- Please introduce yourself and explain the roles and responsibilities that your current post involves.
- Please describe the present structure of the Extended Services Team, and how re-organisation proposals and transition planning within the Children, Families and Education Directorate are affecting and will affect the Team.
- Please outline the current Government's position in relation to Extended Services, and how future Government's policies can impact on Extended Services. What is "Total Place"?
- Please explain, using examples, how the Extended Services agenda is having a positive impact on children, young people, families and communities of Kent.
- What are the challenges – if any – facing the Extended Services Team when providing its services to Kent residents (for example, in relation to rurality and transport; access for disabled children and young people; schools' conflicting priorities)?
- What role do external partners, for example those in the private and voluntary sector, play in the delivery of extended services in the County?
- In what ways, if any, can collaboration between KCC and external partners be made more effective when providing extended services?
- Please discuss risks associated with grant funding and sustainability issues with regard to extended services.

- In your opinion, what initiatives and strategies can Kent County Council implement to ensure the sustainability of extended services into the future?
- In your view, what general initiatives and policies should Kent County Council adopt in order to enhance extended services in the County?