

# **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**

**Des Crilley, Director of Communities Cultural Services, and Nigel Baker, Head of Youth Service and Communities Directorate Extended Services Select Committee Lead, Kent County Council**

- (Question for both) Please introduce yourselves, and please outline the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- (For Des Crilley) Please provide a strategic overview of the services you manage and of the ways these services impact on extended services in Kent.
- (For Nigel Baker) Please describe the structure of the Youth Service and the ways in which the Youth Service is involved in providing extended services in Kent.
- (For Nigel Baker) Please provide an examination (and examples) of the main issues in relation to youth centres located on school sites, and of the “Community Youth Tutor” model. In what ways, if any, do these issues link to the “Total Place” initiative?
- (For both) In your view, are there any opportunities to develop flexible spaces for young people’s use outside of the school day?
- (For Nigel Baker) Please indicate the ways, if any, the work of the Youth Service links with the review and the provision of positive activities for young people.
- (For both) What are the main economic, legal, social and operational challenges the services you manage encounter when providing extended services?

- (For both) In your opinion, in what ways, if any, can these challenges be overcome? Please provide details.
- (For both) In your view, who benefits from extended services provision? Which groups of people – if any – are not fully benefiting from extended services?
- (For both) In your view, in what ways can KCC ensure the sustainability of effective extended services in the future, given the current financial climate?