

# **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**

**Sean Carter, Extended Services Lead Manager, Project Lead of Community Use of Schools project, and Education Directorate Extended Services Select Committee Lead, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourself, and please provide a brief summary the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide a brief outline of the objectives of the “Community Use of Secondary School Sites in Kent” project.
- What is your definition of “community use”, and what is your team aiming to achieve with regard to extended services?
- Please describe the present levels of community use of extended services and current and future developments of secondary schools sites.
- According to your research, what do schools in Kent believe could be done to encourage and support greater community use of extended services?
- According to your project, what are the challenges and barriers to increased community use of extended services from the schools perspective?
- In your opinion, what are the main blockages and challenges to the progress of extended services and the development of the concept of the “school that never sleeps”?
- In what ways, in your view, can Kent County Council improve extended services and support greater community use of these services?

- In your view, in what ways can KCC ensure the sustainability of effective extended services into the future, given that Government's funding, after March 2011, is unclear?