

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 2

Wednesday 28 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

Ian Forward, Head of Kent Adult Education, and Caroline Polley, Head of Enterprise and Skills, Kent Adult Education Service, Communities Directorate, Kent County Council

- (Question for both) Please introduce yourselves and describe the roles and responsibilities that your jobs involve.
- (For both) Please provide an outline of the organisation of, and of the main services offered by, the Kent Adult Education Service.
- (For both) Please explain the ways in which the Kent Adult Education Service is involved in the provision of extended services in the County.
- (For both) Please describe the main benefits, with regard to extended services, the Kent Adult Education Service brings to Kent residents.
- (For both) In your opinion, what are the main economic, legal, social and operational challenges – if any - facing the Kent Adult Education Service in the provision of extended services?
- (For both) In what ways, if any, can adult learning in schools be improved? What are the main factors determining engagement with adults?
- (For both) Please discuss issues – if any – associated with the sustainability of extended services in the future.
- (For both) In your view, in what ways - if any – can the efficiency of extended services in Kent be enhanced?
- (For both) In your opinion, what general initiatives and strategies should Kent County Council adopt to secure the sustainability of extended services into the future?