

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 3

Wednesday, 12th May, 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

Simon Smith, Director of Sport, Castle Community College, Deal

- Please introduce yourself and describe the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please outline the extended services Castle Community College offers to its pupils and to the local community.
- In your view, does the provision of extended services help improve educational attainment? In your experience, are there any other benefits that extended services bring about for pupils and for the local community?
- In your view, what are the main economic, legal, social and operational challenges – if any – for the College, when providing extended services to the local community?
- In your opinion, in what ways can these challenges be overcome?
- In your view, which groups of Kent residents benefit most from the provision extended services? Are there any particular groups of Kent residents who, in your view, find it more difficult to access extended services? If so, why?
- In your view, in what ways can pupil participation in extended services activities be increased?
- In what ways, if any, may the reduction of Government funding for Extended Services in future years affect the extended services Castle Community College provides?

- In your opinion, in what ways can Kent County Council, together with schools and other providers of extended services, ensure the sustainability of extended services into the future?
- In your view, in what ways, if any, can collaboration between Kent County Council, schools and external partners, such as those in the voluntary and private sector, be made more effective when providing Extended Services?
- Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you would like to raise with the Select Committee?