

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 4

Friday 14th 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

William Cotterell, Principal, and Jan Sellers, Director of Extended Services, Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre, Tenterden

- Please introduce yourselves and describe the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please provide an outline of the extended services Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre offers. How are these services organised and delivered?
- In your experience, what are the main advantages and benefits, if any, resulting from the provision of extended services? Which of the extended services offered by the Centre are proving to have the greatest impact and benefit for the community?
- Are there any groups of people in the local community who, in your view, find it particularly difficult to access extended services? If so, what can be done to help them access these services?
- In your view, what are the main economic, legal, social and operational challenges for the school – if any – when providing extended services?
- In your opinion, in what ways can these challenges be resolved?
- As a large rural school, are there any particular issues Homewood is faced with when providing extended services? If so, in your opinion, in what ways can the local authority support the school?
- In what ways, if any, may the reduction of Government funding for Extended Services in future years, and the current restructuring of the

KCC Education Directorate, affect the extended services the Centre provides?

- In your opinion, in what ways can Kent County Council ensure the sustainability of extended services into the future?
- In what ways, if any, can Kent County Council, schools and external partners, improve the general provision of extended services?
- Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you wish to raise with the Select Committee?