

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

Jeanette Piner, Strategic Director Every Child Matters, Highworth Grammar School for Girls, Ashford

- Please introduce yourself and describe the responsibilities that your position involves.
- Please outline the extended services that Highworth Grammar School offers, and the ways these services are structured and delivered.
- In your view, are there any groups of people in the local community who find it particularly difficult to access extended services? If so, what can be done to help them access these services?
- Are there operational challenges for the School when providing extended services (for example with regard to transport, the availability of staff to run activities and caretaking duties)?
- Are there legal challenges when offering extended services to the local community? Would safety for users and security for equipment and premises be an issue for the school if it was opened in the evenings and during holidays?
- Are there economic and social issues for Highworth Grammar in relation to the funding and sustainability of extended services? Could the provision of additional extended services by the School have a negative impact on existing services in the local community?
- In your opinion, in what ways – if any - can all these operational, legal, economic and social challenges be resolved?

- 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?
- Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you wish to raise with the Select Committee?