

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 7

Wednesday 16 June 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

Zanya Davis, Artistic Director, PALS Theatre, Gravesend

1. Please introduce yourself and outline the responsibilities that your post involves.
2. What is PALS Theatre? Please outline the services that PALS Theatre offers, and the ways these services are delivered.
3. What type of working relationship exists between PALS Theatre and Kent County Council? In what ways would you like to see this relationship develop into the future? In what ways – if any – can collaboration and partnership working between all organisations involved in providing extended services in the County be improved?
4. In your experience, what are the main benefits resulting from the provision of extended services?
5. What are the main challenges for your company – if any - when providing extended services?
6. In your opinion, in what ways can these challenges be resolved?
7. In what ways, if any, may the reduction of Government funding for Extended Services in future years, and the possible shrinking of the Extended Services Team, affect the provision of extended services?
8. In your view, what extended services activities have the greatest impact and benefit for the community, and what programmes are most likely to be sustainable in the future?

9. 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?
10. Can you suggest any innovative and creative ways for KCC to deliver extended services in the County?
11. Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you would like to raise with the Select Committee?