

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

Linda Leith, Director of Quality in Study Support and Extended Services, Canterbury Christ Church University

1. Please introduce yourself and outline the duties and responsibilities that your post involves.
2. What is Quality in Study Support (QiSS), and what are Quality in Extended Services (QES) recognition schemes? How are these schemes organised and run?
3. What are the main benefits of undertaking the Quality in Extended Services recognition schemes for schools, partner organisations and for the local community? Can these schemes promote the engagement of schools and other partner organisations in offering extended services, and can these schemes support schools and partner organisations when providing extended services?
4. Are there any examples showing the successful application of these schemes in Kent? If so, do you think that these success stories can be replicated elsewhere in the County?
5. Are there extended services good practice examples in other local authorities in the Country from which Kent can learn?
6. In your view, what are the main challenges – if any - when providing extended services? 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. 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? In what ways can Kent County Council (KCC), together with schools and other providers of extended services, ensure the sustainability of extended services into the future?
9. Can you suggest any innovative and creative ways for KCC to promote and deliver extended services in the County?
10. Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you would like to raise with the Select Committee?