

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 8

Thursday 24 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

Alan Milner, Service Director, Parents Consortium

1. Please introduce yourself and describe the roles and responsibilities that your position involves.
2. What is the Parents Consortium? What services does it provide?
3. In your experience, what are the main benefits - if any - that extended services bring about to pupils and to the local community?
4. In your view, what are the main challenges for schools and other providers when offering extended services to pupils and to the local community?
5. What are the main challenges for disabled children in accessing extended services?
6. In your opinion, in what ways can all these challenges be overcome?
7. In your opinion, what models of provision should be adopted in order to organise and deliver extended services in the County?
8. In what ways, if any, may the reduction of Government funding for Extended Services and the possible shrinking of the Extended Services Team affect extended services provision in Kent?
9. In your opinion, in what ways can Kent County Council, together with schools and other providers of extended services, organise a more efficient delivery of extended services and ensure the sustainability of these services into the future?
10. Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you would like to raise with the Select Committee?