

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

**Nigel Baker, Head of Youth Service and Communities Directorate
Extended Services Select Committee Lead, Kent County Council**

1. Can you suggest innovative and creative ways for Kent County Council (KCC) to deliver effective extended services in the County, given the substantial reduction in funding and staff in the Extended Services Team?
2. What role can other KCC teams involved in extended service provision - such as the Youth Service - assume if the Extended Services Team will be severely reduced?
3. If it was necessary to select and prioritise on the delivery of some extended services over others, which extended services would you choose, and on what areas would you focus your attention?
4. Are there other authorities in the Country with similar funding and staffing issues, that are being successful in providing effective extended services with fewer resources?
5. What can KCC do to promote and strengthen cooperation amongst schools, and between schools and other organisations involved in extended services?
6. In your opinion, how helpful would it be if all schools in Kent were urged to undertake an accreditation scheme in extended services, like the one offered by Canterbury Christ Church University?
7. In what ways can the role of the voluntary sector be enhanced in order to provide and support extended services?
8. What will be the role of the Extended Services Team if its size and capacity are severely reduced? How will existing extended service

provision be coordinated in the absence of Extended Service Development Managers and extended service coordinators?

9. What funding will be available to schools and to other extended service providers, and what funding can they bid for, after March 2011?
10. How can transport between schools be improved, in order to enable students to access extended services offered by different schools in the same locality?
11. Can the successful "Mides" model of extended service provision, which has been adopted in the Dover District, be replicated with success in other areas of Kent?