

## STUDENT JOURNEY SELECT COMMITTEE

### BIOGRAPHY FOR INTERVIEWEE ATTENDING SELECT COMMITTEE SESSION

Please provide a paragraph which will give the Select Committee the following information. Thank you.

**Name:** Roger Gabriel

**Current post title:** Kent Economic Board, Skills Manager

**Current responsibilities:** Sector conversations, Skills for business growth, Wind farms – environmental technology skills, Pfizer task force.

**Brief outline of previous posts and responsibilities:** Adult Education manager, Local skills for Productivity Alliance, Employment and Skills Board, North Kent MAA skills group.

**Any additional information you think may be relevant to the review:**

Having worked in Secondary, Further, Higher and Adult education sector, and well as running my own business I have a good knowledge of employment from both the education provider side and the business perspective.

My role in the skills for business group, requires a detailed knowledge of business needs both current and future. To achieve this I work closely with business, sector council and networks, to ascertain their needs and concerns. Much of their worries come from the perception that 'education providers' at all levels do not, and are not taking into account the needs of business when they seek to recruit new young staff. In Kent we have some excellent examples of good local practice, which need to be highlighted and replicated for the benefit of young and old people.