

THE STUDENT JOURNEY SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 2

Tuesday 7th June 2011

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

Els Howard, Lecturer and Educational Consultant, K College

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- To what extent, in your view, do learning and skills providers in Kent prepare young people for work?
- To what extent, in your view, do vocational training, apprenticeships and work experience schemes meet local labour market needs and the expectations of growth industries in Kent?
- In your opinion, are additional or different training schemes, courses and qualifications needed to prepare young people for work and to meet employers' labour needs?
- Please provide an outline of the "Inspiring Communities" initiative.
- In your view, what are the reasons for student dropouts?
- Please discuss the effectiveness of current partnerships between local employers, educators and other skills providers in preparing young people for the world of work.
- Please discuss the role and impact that local career education and information, advice and guidance have in enabling young people in Kent to make informed choices about their future education and employment.
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?