

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

Martin Blincow, 14-19 Learner Support Manager, Kent County Council

- Please introduce yourself and describe the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of the services supplied by the 14-19 Entitlement Team with regard to careers education and information, advice and guidance (IAG).
- Please discuss the recent proposed changes affecting the all-age National Careers Service.
- To what extent are systems in place in Kent County Council to support information, advice and guidance for young people in Kent?
- 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?
- Please discuss the effectiveness of current partnerships between local employers, educators and other skills providers in preparing young people for the world of work.
- What initiative and strategies – if any – should Kent County Council adopt to enhance the employability of young people in Kent?

- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?