

THE STUDENT JOURNEY SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 5

Tuesday 28th 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

Peter Hobbs, Chief Executive, Channel Chamber of Commerce.

- Please outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves, and please provide an overview of the Channel Chamber of Commerce.
- Please describe the Chamber's role and involvement in the Government's Future Jobs Fund programme.
- To what extent, in your view, do learning and skills providers prepare young people for the world of work?
- How far do learning and skills providers in Kent meet local labour market needs and the expectations of growth industries in Kent?
- During the past 18 months the Channel Chamber interviewed over 120 unemployed 18-24 year old young people. What challenges and problems did these young people encounter when looking for local employment?
- To what extent, in your view, does the business world play a part in preparing young people for work?
- Please discuss the effectiveness of current partnerships between local employers, educators and other organisations in preparing young people for the world of work.
- In your opinion, how far does local information, advice and guidance enable young people in Kent to make informed choices about their future education and employment?

- What initiatives – if any – should be implemented both by learning and skills providers and by business to enhance the employability of young people in Kent?
- Please inform the Select Committee of any policy changes at national level that have relevance in this review and that can impact on the educational and employment opportunities and choices of young people in Kent.
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?