

# **ASD SELECT COMMITTEE**

## **Hearing 2**

**Wednesday 16 July 2008**

### **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 will 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**

**Dr Simon Hewson, Honorary Senior Lecturer, Tizard Centre,  
University of Kent.**

- Please introduce yourself.
- What kind of support, in your view, should be provided to people with autism?
- In what ways – if any – can people with autism be helped to access such support?
- To what extent are agencies dealing with people with autism skilled in supporting them? What agencies are skilled, and what agencies need to be skilled?
- People with Autistic Spectrum Disorder span those with learning disabilities and those without. They are very individual people. How can this individuality be incorporated in a Kent approach to autism?
- What agencies should be involved in developing a Kent approach to autism?
- In your opinion, what initiatives should be taken to facilitate an emphasis on action to help people with autism?
- In your view, what initiatives and policies – if any - should Kent County Council prioritise in order to meet the needs of people with autism in the County?

