

THE STUDENT JOURNEY SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 7

Friday 22nd July 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

Andy Brading, ABC Consulting

- Please provide an overview of the services supplied by ABC Consulting, and of your role and responsibilities in it.
- What are the Enterprise and the Work-related Learning schemes, and what are their objectives?
- What are the benefits of these schemes? What are the challenges facing them, if any?
- To what extent, in your view, do learning and skills providers in Kent prepare young people for work?
- What are the views of the Business and Enterprise Head Teacher Steering Group on business and enterprise education? In your view, should Enterprise Education be embedded within schools' curricula?
- Is there a mis-match between local employers' needs and the employment skills young people are equipped with? If so, what skills do young people need to develop in order to be effective employees?
- What are your views on the Wolf Report and its recommendations?
- In what ways can local businesses - especially small businesses – be supported in order to offer good quality work-related learning to young people?
- 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?