

THE STUDENT JOURNEY SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 8

Thursday 28 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

Representatives of the Kent Youth County Council (KYCC), and Claire Trainor, Youth Participation Co-ordinator, Kent County Council

- Please introduce yourselves (please including name, school and age).
- What specific courses/lessons/opportunities were you offered at school to learn about the world of work?
- How far do you think education has prepared you for employment?
- Have you received careers guidance by a personal adviser at school? If so, what did you learn?
- Have you found information about jobs/careers from sources other than a careers adviser?
- Have you been on the Kentchoices4U website to learn about jobs and careers?
- How ready do you feel you are for employment?
- Is there a main job/career you are interested in? If so, why did you choose it?
- What skills do you think employers look for from the young people they want to recruit? Do you see any barriers to your employability?
- Have you ever done work experience?

- Is there anything that schools, employers and Kent County Council should do better to help you with your employability?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?