

AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 7

Monday, 22 September 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

Rosie John-Baptiste, Senior Befriending Manager, London and South East Schemes, National Autistic Society

- Please introduce yourself and outline the main roles and responsibilities that your job involves.
- What is a befriending scheme?
- How are befriending schemes organised? What do they involve?
- How are befriending schemes funded?
- What are the benefits and challenges of running a befriending scheme?
- In your view, what NAS initiatives could Kent County Council replicate in Kent in order to support people with autism in the County?
- In your view, what initiatives and policies should Kent County Council adopt in order to enhance its service provision to people with autism in the County?