

# **ASD 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**

**Joanna Wainwright, Director of Commissioning (Specialist Services) Children, Families and Education, KCC; Andrea White, Manager of Specialist Teaching Services, Children, Families and Education, KCC; and Sarah Hindle, Senior Educational Psychologist, Children, Families and Education, KCC.**

- Please introduce yourselves.
- Please provide data by cluster and age group concerning children and young people with autism.
- Please provide an outline of the training available to professionals dealing with people with autism in Kent.
- Please discuss good practice transition models adopted in schools in Kent for young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- What support and consultation services do schools in Kent offer to young people with ASD?
- Please outline examples of good practice, with regards to joint assessments of people with ASD, carried out by Education and Health agencies in Kent.
- What local policies and initiatives are in place in relation to people with autism and education?
- What other initiatives and policies, in your view, should Kent County Council adopt in order to enhance its service provision to people with ASD?