

APPRENTICESHIPS SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 2

Friday 11 January 2013

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

Graham Razey, Principal and Chief Executive, East Kent College

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please outline the apprenticeships and support offered to young people by East Kent College.
- What are the benefits of apprenticeships for businesses and young people?
- What are the challenges facing local learning and skills providers in offering apprenticeships to young people?
- How can it be ensured that the current qualifications offered by apprenticeships meet local labour market needs and the expectations of growth industries in Kent?
- In your opinion, what initiatives could be implemented in order to improve the number of 16-18 apprenticeships starts in Kent?
- In what ways, if any, can collaboration between employers, schools and learning providers be promoted in order to improve the quality and quantity of apprenticeships?
- In your view, how can local employers (with particular regards to small businesses) be supported so that it is easier for them to offer apprenticeships to young people?
- How best can apprenticeships be marketed to young people and businesses in Kent?

- What are your perspectives on the current process by which information, advice and guidance (IAG) is currently offered in schools?
- In what ways – if any – can Kent County Council improve the quality and provision of apprenticeships in Kent? What can KCC do to increase the number of employers offering apprenticeships in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?