

APPRENTICESHIPS SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 4

Wednesday 23 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

Anne McNulty, Executive Director, Education Business Partnership (EBP) Kent

- Please provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves and an overview of the services supplied by Education Business Partnership (EBP) Kent.
- What are the benefits of apprenticeship placements for businesses and young people?
- To what extent, in your view, do apprenticeships meet local labour market needs and the expectations of growth industries in Kent? Are local partnerships with regards to apprenticeships working effectively in Kent? To what extent are employers engaged in these processes?
- What feedback does EBP Kent receive from the employers it liaises with?
- Please discuss the impact and implications of RPA (raising the participation age in compulsory education) on the growth of apprenticeships for 16-18 year olds.
- In what ways – if any – can Kent County Council improve the quality and/or quantity of apprenticeships in Kent?
- Please discuss the role and impact that local careers education and information, advice and guidance (IAG) have in enabling young people in Kent to make informed choices about their future education and employment.
- Please discuss the role and remit of the EBP Employability Centre.

- Please inform the Select Committee of any policy changes at national level with relevance to this review.
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?