

# **CORPORATE PARENTING SELECT COMMITTEE**

## **Hearing 1**

**Tuesday 24 February 2015**

### **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**

#### **Mrs Ann Allen, Member of Kent County Council and Chair of Kent's Corporate Parenting Panel**

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- What are your corporate parenting duties and responsibilities?
- In your view what constitutes good and effective corporate parenting?
- In your opinion, to what extent are KCC Members fulfilling their corporate parenting responsibilities?
- What else – if anything – can KCC Members do in order to fulfil their corporate parenting role?
- What are the key issues surrounding children and young people in care in Kent?
- To what extent are the monitoring mechanisms available to KCC Members effective in ensuring the safety and well-being of children and young people in care in Kent?
- To what extent, in your view, are children and young people in care in Kent involved in the decisions that affect them?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?