

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

Tony Doran, Headteacher of Virtual School Kent (VSK), Kent County Council

- Please introduce yourself and describe the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide a brief outline of the main services provided by VSK. What are the key priorities of Virtual School Kent?
- How well are children and young people in care in Kent doing with their education? What are the key issues around looked-after children's education in Kent?
- What can KCC, and KCC Members in particular, do - if anything - to improve the education outcomes of children and young people in care in Kent?
- Please discuss the apprenticeships supported by VSK for young people in care and care leavers.
- What is the level of participation and engagement of children and young people in care in Kent in the decisions that affect them? What else – if anything – can be done to improve their involvement?
- In your view, what else – if anything – can KCC Members do in order to fulfil their corporate parenting role?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?