

# **CORPORATE PARENTING SELECT COMMITTEE**

## **Hearing 2**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **Andrew Ireland, Corporate Director - Social Care, Health and Wellbeing**

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- What are your corporate parenting duties and responsibilities?
- In your view, to what extent are KCC Members and officers fulfilling their corporate parenting responsibilities?
- What else – if anything – can KCC Members and officers do in order to fulfil their corporate parenting role?
- What are the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Directorate's key objectives for the improvement of children and young people in care's outcomes? Is a new Kent's Looked-After Children Strategy being developed?
- What are, in your opinion, the other key issues with regards to children and young people in care in Kent?
- In your opinion, to what extent is collaborative working within KCC and with external agencies effective in the provision of quality services to children and young people in care in Kent?
- In what ways – if any – can a move towards a more commissioning-based model offer opportunities for Members to fulfil their corporate parenting responsibilities?

- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?