

# **CORPORATE PARENTING SELECT COMMITTEE**

## **Hearing 5**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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**

**Jenny Boyd – Director of Local Delivery West, Essex County Council**

**Councillor Dick Madden – Lead Member for People Operations and Chair of Corporate Parenting Panel, Essex County Council**

**Sheila Woodward – Community Involvement and Engagement Manager, Essex County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and outline the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- What are your corporate parenting duties and responsibilities?
- Please provide an outline of the corporate parenting structure in Essex County Council.
- In your view what constitutes good and effective corporate parenting?
- Please describe the main challenges faced by Essex County Council as a corporate parent before undergoing transformation.
- What specific measures did Essex County Council adopt in order to enhance the fulfilment of its corporate parenting responsibilities?
- In what ways does Essex County Council, and its councillors in particular, capture the views of local children and young people in care?
- What monitoring mechanisms are available to Essex County Council councillors to ensure the safety and well-being of children and young people in care?

- Are there any other issues with relevance to the review that you wish to bring to the Committee's attention?