

CORPORATE PARENTING SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing

Monday, 5 October 2015

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

John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Services, Maidstone Borough Council

- Please introduce yourself and outline the roles and responsibilities that your post involves
- What are the key challenges across districts in addressing housing issues for children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers)?
- What does the Kent Housing Strategy say about the housing needs of children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers) and how does this respond to other local authority children placed in Kent?
- What are the key housing objectives in 2015/16 for promoting the independence of children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers)?
- As an at-risk group, what preferential access do 16-17 years old who are children in care have to accommodation?
- How do housing authorities monitor the effectiveness of housing provision for children in care (16-17 years old and care leavers)?
- What specific support do housing authorities provide to care leavers?
- What else could be done to increase the awareness and understanding of corporate parenting issues by borough council Members?