

Energy Security Select Committee

Hearing 1

Friday 13 November 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

Carolyn McKenzie – Head of Sustainable Business & Community (KCC)

Neil Hilkenne – Economic & Spatial Development Officer (KCC)

Steve Baggs – Energy Manager (KCC)

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities of your post.
- What do you understand the definition of energy security to entail?
- In your view, to what extent is energy security an important issue and why?
- Please provide an outline of the energy security situation in Kent and the UK at present.
- Please provide an outline of KCC's current roles and responsibilities in ensuring energy security for Kent.
- What do you consider the most viable energy measures and methods of generation for Kent to be, so as to best ensure energy security?
- How can local communities in Kent benefit from energy security measures?
- Are there any potential economic benefits to Kent in pursuing greater energy security?
- What are other local authorities in the UK doing to address energy security concerns? What could Kent learn from them?

- What else should KCC do, in your view, to promote increased energy security?
- What are other countries doing to address energy security concerns? What could Kent learn from them?
- Please explain the key outcomes, relating to energy security, of both the Renewable Energy and Climate Change Select Committees: what was done and what still needs to be done?
- Are there any other issues that you would like to raise with the Committee?