

Bus Transport Select Committee

Hearing 2

Friday 30 September 2016

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

Philip Norwell, Managing Director, Stagecoach South East

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of the operations of Stagecoach in Kent. What are the roles and responsibilities of Stagecoach in relation to the delivery of bus transport in Kent?
- Please discuss your design and coverage of commercial bus routes in Kent.
- In your view, what are the key themes around the provision of subsidised and tendered local bus services?
- What are your views on the reimbursement to bus operators for passengers carried under concessionary fares schemes?
- In your opinion, what are the key opportunities and challenges, if any, associated with the Kent Young Person's Travel Pass?
- What is your view on the effectiveness of local Quality Bus Partnerships? What are the key activities that, in your opinion, these partnerships should focus on?
- Please discuss the latest investment in new buses made by Stagecoach in Kent.
- What are the effects of traffic congestion on bus reliability? What can be done, if anything, to improve the situation?

- In what ways can public transport be promoted and maximised to cope with the growth of new housing developments?
- In your view, what are the main challenges and opportunities associated with the Bus Services Bill, if any?
- What can KCC do, if anything, to promote improved bus transport in Kent?
- Are there any other issues that you would like to raise with the Committee?