

Bus Transport Select Committee

Hearing 4

Tuesday 18 October 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

Keith Harrison, Chief Executive of Action with Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK)

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities of your post.
- Please discuss the main objectives and operations of Action with Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK).
- In your view, what are the opportunities and challenges associated with the former Commission for Rural Communities' concept of 'Access Poverty'?
- In your opinion, to what extent do local bus services contribute to the socio-economic wellbeing of rural communities?
- Please discuss the feasibility and effectiveness of alternative models of local bus transport delivery in Kent – if any (for example, with reference to the role of community transport, physical assets and social networks).
- 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?