

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 1

Monday 6th November 2017

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

Mr Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, and Mrs Shellina Prendergast, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, Kent County Council

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please discuss the main aims of the Kent's Strategy for Vulnerable Learners.
- In your view, what are the main benefits and challenges associated with the Pupil Premium?
- In your opinion, how effective is the adoption of free school meals (FSM) as a measure of disadvantage to determine eligibility to Pupil Premium funding?
- In your view, what more should KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of the Pupil Premium in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable pupils and their peers in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?