

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 2

Friday 10th 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

Tony Doran, Head teacher Virtual School Kent

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of Virtual School Kent. What are the roles and responsibilities of VSK in relation to the delivery of education services in Kent?
- Please discuss how Pupil Premium Plus differs from Pupil Premium, how it is allocated and utilised in relation to VSK.
- To what extent has the Pupil Premium Plus funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between Children in Care and their peers in Kent? Please provide some figures.
- In your opinion, what are the main issues, if any, in relation to Pupil Premium Plus in Kent?
- In your view, what are the most effective strategies and interventions associated with Pupil Premium Plus, where this funding has proven successful in narrowing the attainment gap between Children in Care and their peers?
- Please can you provide any best practice examples of these strategies and interventions in Kent schools?
- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of Pupil Premium Plus in raising the educational attainment of Children in Care and in narrowing the attainment gap?

- Are there any other issues that you would like to raise with the Committee?