

# **Pupil Premium Select Committee**

## **Hearing 2**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director for Education and Young People's Services, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please discuss the main aims and aspirations 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?
- To what extent has Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable pupils and their peers in Kent?
- What more can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of Pupil Premium in raising the educational attainment of vulnerable pupils and in narrowing the attainment gap?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?