

# **Pupil Premium Select Committee**

## **Hearing 5**

**Monday 20<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**

**Stephen Mellors, School Effectiveness Partner, Essex County Council**

**Carole Farrer, School Effectiveness Partner, Essex County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please provide an overview of Pupil Premium allocation in Essex County Council.
- To what extent has the Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers in Essex?
- Please discuss the Essex Toolkit. How is the toolkit used in Essex schools?
- In your view, what are the most effective strategies and interventions associated with Pupil Premium, where this funding has proven successful in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable pupils and their peers in Essex?
- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of the Pupil Premium in closing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?