

# **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**

#### **Carl Roberts, Headmaster, The Malling School**

- Please introduce yourself and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of Pupil Premium allocation in your school. Is there a clear rationale for how Pupil Premium funding should be spent, and is this communicated to all stakeholders?
- To what extent has Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers in your school?
- How do you track what Pupil Premium funding is spent on, and how do you monitor its impact?
- In your view, to what extent do external factors in areas of high deprivation have an impact on the academic progress of vulnerable pupils?
- In your opinion, what other strategies and interventions – if any – can be implemented to maximise the impact of the Pupil Premium?
- 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?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?