

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 9

Monday 22nd January 2018

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

Matt Dunkley, Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education, Kent County Council

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please discuss the refreshed 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 the 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?