

# **Pupil Premium Select Committee**

## **Hearing 10**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Alex Gamby, Head of Early Years and Childcare, and Sue Smith, Early Years and Childcare Equalities and Inclusion Manager, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please can you explain why the Early Years Pupil Premium was introduced and its main purpose?
- What strategies and interventions has the Early Years and Childcare team employed in order to promote and support the attainment of vulnerable pupils in Kent?
- To what extent has Early Years Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers in Kent? How does this compare to the national picture? Please provide data and figures.
- In your experience, what examples are there of effective practice?
- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of the Early Years 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?