

# **Kent County Council**

## **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

### **Terms of Reference and Scope**

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1. To put into context social isolation and loneliness, and to identify the groups of people who are particularly affected by social isolation and/or loneliness in Kent.
2. To investigate the impact of social isolation and loneliness on Kent's older residents.
3. To investigate the extent to which KCC's current service provision and partnership working is effective in dealing with social isolation and loneliness amongst older people in Kent.
4. To recommend initiatives and strategies to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness on Kent's older residents.

## **Scope**

The complexity of this topic and the tight timeframe of the review require a clear and focused approach. The key themes and aspects which will be covered by the review are detailed below:

- 1. To put into context social isolation and loneliness, and to identify the groups of people who are particularly affected by social isolation and/or loneliness in Kent.**
  - a. To define and put into context social isolation and loneliness.
  - b. To identify the key groups of people who are affected by social isolation and/or loneliness in Kent.
  
- 2. To investigate the impact of social isolation and loneliness on Kent's older residents.**
  - a. To explore the main causes leading to social isolation and loneliness amongst adults aged 65 and over in Kent.
  - b. To assess the impact of social isolation and loneliness on this group of residents.
  
- 3. To investigate the extent to which KCC's current service provision and partnership working is effective in dealing with social isolation and loneliness amongst older people in Kent.**
  - a. To explore KCC's current service provision and partnership working aimed at reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst adults aged 65 and over in Kent.
  - b. To examine the extent to which this service provision and collaboration is effective in dealing with social isolation and loneliness amongst this group of people.
  
- 4. To recommend initiatives and strategies to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness on Kent's older residents.**