

# **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

## **Hearing 3**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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**

#### **Penny Southern, Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Who is impacted by loneliness and social isolation?
- What are the main causes leading to loneliness and social isolation amongst adults aged 65 and over?
- What are the negative impacts of loneliness and social isolation on adults aged 65 and over?
- What strategies and interventions is the Adult Social Care and Health Directorate implementing in order to prevent or reduce loneliness and social isolation amongst Kent's older residents?
- In your view, to what extent is KCC's current service provision and partnership working effective at preventing or reducing loneliness and social isolation amongst Kent's older residents?
- In your view, what are the key challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst Kent's older adults?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?