

Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee

Hearing 7

Monday 17th 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

**Katie Stewart, Director of Environment, Planning and Enforcement, and
Stephanie Holt-Castle, Head of Countryside, Leisure and Sport, Kent
County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- 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 these people?
- What strategies and interventions is the Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate implementing in order to prevent or reduce loneliness and social isolation amongst Kent's older residents?
- Please discuss the principles of 'place-based' approaches to tackling social isolation and loneliness
- In your view, what are the key challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst Kent's older adults?
- In what ways, if any, can the Directorate further contribute to prevent or reduce social isolation and loneliness in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?