

# **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

## **Hearing 9**

**Wednesday 19<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**

#### **Dr Kellie Payne, Research and Policy Manager, Campaign to End Loneliness**

- Please introduce yourself and offer an outline of the Campaign to End Loneliness and its main objectives.
- Who is impacted by loneliness and social isolation? What is the prevalence of loneliness in the country?
- What are the main causes leading to loneliness and social isolation amongst adults aged 65 and over?
- What are the consequences of loneliness and social isolation on these people?
- What interventions and strategies are working particularly well to prevent or reduce the negative impacts of loneliness and social isolation on older people?
- In your view, what are the challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- In your opinion, what more can be done locally to address social isolation and loneliness amongst older residents?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?