

Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee

Hearing 12

Monday 24th 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

James Kirby, Programme Manager, Social Enterprise Kent

- Please introduce yourself and offer an outline of your organisation and its role in relation to loneliness and social isolation.
- What initiatives, implemented by the Ageless Thanet project, are working particularly well to prevent or reduce loneliness and social isolation amongst older residents?
- To what extent is your organisation working in collaboration with KCC in order to prevent or reduce the negative impacts of social isolation and loneliness amongst Kent's older residents?
- In your view, what are the challenges associated with addressing social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- In what ways can we best identify older people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, loneliness or social isolation?
- In your opinion, what more can be done, if anything, to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness on Kent's older residents?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?