

# **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

## **Hearing 18**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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**

**Hayley Brooks, Head of Housing and Health, and Debra Exall, Strategic Relationships Adviser, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- In what ways can we best identify older people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, loneliness or social isolation?
- What strategies and interventions have different Kent Districts put in place to prevent or reduce loneliness and social isolation amongst adults aged 65 and over? Which initiatives and strategies are working particularly well?
- To what extent are District and Borough Councils working in collaboration with KCC in order to tackle 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 residents?
- 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?