

# **Kent County Council**

## **Knife Crime Select Committee**

### **Hearing Day 1**

**Monday, 10 June 2019**

#### **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**

**Mr Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, Kent County Council**

**Dan Bride, Assistant Director (North & West Kent), Adolescent Services, Open Access & Youth Offending, Kent County Council**

**Louise Fisher, Assistant Director, Integrated Children's Services (South), Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please explain the main reasons why young people may commit knife crimes.
- What are the most effective initiatives and strategies that can be implemented to tackle knife crime?
- How effective is the Kent Youth Justice service in reducing knife crime?
- Please discuss the development and role of KCC's Adolescent Service in addressing knife crime.
- What current projects are being delivered to tackle serious youth violence in Kent?
- In your view, what else can Kent County Council do to help reduce the incidence and impact of knife crime in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, that you wish to bring to the Committee's attention?