

# **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**

**Mike Hill OBE, Cabinet Member for Community Services, Kent County Council, and Chair of the Kent Community Safety Partnership**

**Shafick Peerbux, Head of Service, Community Safety, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please discuss the main roles and functions of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP). What are the main strategies and initiatives developed by the Partnership in an effort to address knife crime in Kent?
- Please expand on the work with the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner through the Partnership, and on the Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC).
- What is the Community Safety Agreement (CSA)? What are its priorities in relation to tackling knife crime?
- Please expand on joint-working and awareness-raising initiatives such as Operation Sceptre and “Don’t Let a Knife Take Life”.
- 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?