

Kent County Council

Knife Crime Select Committee

Hearing Day 2

Tuesday, 11 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

John Coull, Detective Superintendent, Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate Intelligence, Kent Police

Guy Thompson, Chief Inspector – Partnerships & Communities, Kent Police

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please discuss the issues around crime recording and their impact on the increase in reported crime.
- What are the trends of serious violence crime in Kent? What is the response of Kent Police to serious violence crime?
- Please provide an account of the impact of gangs and “County Lines” in Kent.
- What are the most effective initiatives and strategies that can be implemented to tackle knife crime?
- In your view, in what ways can different KCC services help to 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?