

# **Kent County Council**

## **Knife Crime Select Committee**

### **Hearing Day 3**

**Wednesday, 12 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**

**James Whiddett, Operations Manager, Trading Standards, Kent County Council**

**Oliver Jewell, Principal Trading Standards Officer, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and provide a brief outline of the roles and responsibilities of your posts.
- Please explain how KCC's Trading Standards service helps to prevent the sale of knives to persons under the age of 18.
- Please discuss the importance of multi-agency working to help prevent the sale of knives to persons under the age of 18.
- Please explain how knife crime has impacted on Trading Standards, and whether this has had an impact on the Service's resources.
- What initiatives have already been implemented by Trading Standards to tackle daily operational issues around knife crime?
- In your opinion, what are the most effective initiatives and strategies that can be implemented to deal with knife crime?
- In your view, what 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?