

Kent County Council

Affordable Housing Select Committee

Hearing Day 2

Friday 14th February 2020

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

Lee Heley, Head of Housing Growth, Essex County Council

Dan Baker, Housing Growth Lead, Essex County Council

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- What are the main responsibilities of Essex County Council with regard to the planning and provision of housing in Essex?
- What is the Housing Growth unit? What are its main activities, objectives and accomplishments?
- Please discuss the role that planning policy and spatial strategies can have in maximising the provision of affordable housing in Essex.
- What is Essex Housing? What are its key operations and achievements in terms of generating income and promoting independent living?
- How can housing associations be best supported to deliver more affordable homes?
- In your view, how important is it to provide a range of housing tenures?
- In your view, what more can Kent County Council do, if anything, to support the development and provision of affordable housing in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to this review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?