

# **Kent County Council**

## **Affordable Housing Select Committee**

### **Hearing Day 2**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Rebecca Spore, Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services, Kent County Council**

**Mark Cheverton, Senior Asset Manager, Strategic and Corporate Services, Kent County Council**

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- To what extent does KCC have direct influence over the funding and provision of affordable housing in Kent?
- When disposing of its own assets, what considerations are deemed appropriate for KCC in order to meet affordable housing requirements?
- In your view, when releasing its assets, what role is it appropriate for KCC to play in the delivery of affordable housing? Could KCC monitor the delivery of affordable housing through the release of its assets?
- Please discuss the impact of “viability issues” on meeting affordable housing requirements in Kent.
- In what ways, if any, can KCC be more involved in the development cycle of affordable housing in Kent? What would the main potential benefits and challenges be?
- What is the One Public Estate programme? To what extent does it support the delivery of affordable housing in Kent?

- 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?