

**Kent County Council**  
**Affordable Housing Select Committee**

**Hearing Day 3**

**Tuesday 18<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**

**Jo Ellis, Town and Country Housing Group, Chair of the Kent Housing Group**

**Sharon Williams, Ashford Borough Council, Vice Chair of the Kent Housing Group**

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- What is the Kent Housing Group (KHG)? Please discuss the KHG's main role and objectives.
- How does the KHG contribute to improving the supply and quality of affordable housing in Kent?
- In your view, what are the main opportunities and challenges associated with affordable housing in Kent?
- In your opinion, can opportunities for collaborative working in relation to housing and affordable housing in Kent be expanded and improved? If so, how?
- In what ways, if any, can access to grant funding to support the development of housing projects in Kent be maximised?

- Please discuss the importance of housing to support the health and social care agenda
- What more should KCC do, if anything, to promote the delivery 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?