

Kent County Council
Affordable Housing Select Committee

Hearing Day 3

Tuesday 18th 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

Carol Cairns, Head of Home Ownership and Supply (South East), Homes England

Shona Johnstone, Senior Strategy and Markets Manager, High Growth and New Settlements, Homes England

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities of your posts at Homes England.
- Please provide a brief overview of the key functions and objectives of Homes England.
- Please provide an outline of the Government's overarching policy on housing and affordable housing.
- What is "affordable housing"?
- What is the Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing Programme 2016-2021?
- How does housing affordability in Kent compare to housing affordability nationally?
- Please provide an outline of the affordable housing programmes in Kent which are funded by Homes England.

- In your view, what more could KCC do, if anything, to support 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?