

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

**Hearing Day 4**

**Wednesday 19<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**

**Bob Heapy, Chief Executive, Town & Country Housing**

**Kerry Kyriacou, Executive Director of Development and Sales, Optivo**

**Mark Leader, Property Director, West Kent Housing Association**

- Please introduce yourselves. Please provide an outline of Town & Country Housing, Optivo and the West Kent Housing Association, and your roles and responsibilities within them.
- In your view, are there any affordability and “viability” issues associated with affordable housing in Kent? If so, what can be done to resolve them?
- With regard to infrastructure and planning, is there anything else that KCC could do to promote the development of affordable housing in the county?
- In your view, how can KCC best support housing schemes in Kent’s rural areas?
- In your opinion, how best can KCC help to meet the housing needs of older residents and disabled people?

- To what extent do new housing developments comply to environmental standards?
- What more should KCC 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?