

# **Kent County Council**

## **Affordable Housing Select Committee**

### **Hearing Day 5**

**Friday 21<sup>st</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**

#### **Steve Grimshaw, Strategic Programme Manager, Economic Development, Kent County Council - No Use Empty (NUE) initiative**

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of your role and responsibilities.
- Please provide a brief description of the No Use Empty (NUE) initiative and how it has evolved.
- How is NUE funded? What have its main achievements been to date?
- Please discuss the Homes Communities Agency's Affordable Homes Project.
- In what ways, if any, can the NUE initiative play a role in accelerating the development 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?