

# **EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE**

## **Hearing 7**

**Wednesday 16 June 2010**

### **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**

#### **Sally Staples, Head of Unit, Arts Development Unit, KCC**

1. Please introduce yourself and describe the roles and responsibilities that your current post involves.
2. Please provide an outline of the structure and remit of the Arts Development Unit.
3. In what ways is the Arts Development Unit involved in the provision of extended services in Kent?
4. In your view, what are the benefits resulting from the Unit's involvement in extended services?
5. Please explain the importance of creative education to engage with young people and to contribute to the knowledge economy.
6. Who benefits from the Unit's provision of extended services? Are there any groups of Kent residents who, in your view, find it more difficult to access the activities the Unit offers? If so, why?
7. Please describe the main challenges - if any - facing the Arts Development Unit when providing extended services.
8. In your view, in what ways can these challenges be overcome?
9. In your view, in what ways, if any, can collaboration between Kent County Council and external partners, such as those in the voluntary and private sector, be made more effective when providing Extended Services?
10. In your opinion, what initiatives and strategies can Kent County Council adopt to secure the sustainability of extended services into the future?

11. Can you suggest any innovative and creative ways for KCC to deliver extended services in the County?
12. Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you wish to raise with the Select Committee?