

STUDENT JOURNEY SELECT COMMITTEE

BIOGRAPHY FOR INTERVIEWEE ATTENDING SELECT COMMITTEE SESSION

Please provide a paragraph which will give the Select Committee the following information. Thank you.

Name: Peter Hobbs

Current post title: Chief Executive – Channel Chamber of Commerce

Current responsibilities:

Responsible for the long term strategy and the day-to-day management of the chamber through the development, financing, delivery and monitoring of our strategic and business plans.

Brief outline of previous posts and responsibilities:

Left P& O in 1987 as their Marketing Manager, having spent more than two decades in the cross Channel Industry. I subsequently operated my own marketing consultancy for 7 years and then enjoyed a 3 year spell with the Health Education Authority, managing their Workplace Health unit and launching a nationwide Health Awards Scheme.

I joined the Training & Enterprise Council for South London (SOLOTEC) in 1997 as Senior Development Manager and worked closely with private and public sector partners in the recruitment drive for the Millennium Dome. I joined Channel Chamber as Chief Executive in March 2000.

Any additional information you think may be relevant to the review:

The Chamber worked closely with the local Education Business Partnership in Shepway for 7 years up to 2007 and I sat on their Management Board.

During the past 18 months Channel Chamber has been involved in the Govt's Future Jobs Fund and has engaged a total of 69 unemployed young people (18-24 years). We have employed each of these young people at our offices in Ramsgate, Dover and Folkestone for a period of six months during which time we have endeavoured to make them job-ready and in some cases have been successful in finding them local employment.