

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

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Friday 23 April 2010

Des Crilley, Director of Cultural Services, Communities Directorate, Kent County Council

Biography

Des Crilley has been Director of Cultural Services for 3 years. Before that he was Head of the Kent Adult Education Service. Des has had a long career in the Skills Sector as lecturer, Head of Department, Head of Quality and Head of Curriculum in Adult Skills. He is the author of three books on Life Skills and has taught in primary, secondary, Further Education, University and Medical school. Des' present role involves maximising the combined value of the Arts, Sports, Libraries, Archives and Adult Learning Units.

Des is leading the Cultural Services Division through major transformation, looking at how the division can reconfigure its considerable capital assets in new and efficient ways. He has led on the development of the new Ashford Gateway, the Kent History and Library Centre and the Beaney at Canterbury. In addition, Des and his Division are examining how the Division can make a strategic and service difference through arts, music, dance and sport to cross-cutting agendas of crime reduction, social cohesion and public health.