

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 1

Friday 23 April 2010

Nigel Baker, Head of the Youth Service, Communities Directorate, Kent County Council

Biography

Educated in Kent, Nigel attended the University of London between 1979-82 where he read Geography. After obtaining a Post Graduate Certificate in Education, he taught in two secondary schools in Kent before moving into the Youth Service in 1987.

With extensive experience of delivering youth work in buildings, on the streets and in schools, Nigel was appointed to lead the Service's county-wide Specialist Programmes in 1994. In 1998, he was promoted to the role of Assistant Head of Service (Operations) where he oversaw the development on many new initiatives within the Service including Community Youth Tutors, Alternative Curriculum provision for excluded young people and the development of a number of new youth facilities in the county.

In 2007, Nigel was appointed Head of Kent Youth Service. He has led the Service through a very positive Enhanced Youth Inspection by Ofsted in 2008, which identified KYS as one of the best youth services in the country.