

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

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Cath Anley, Head of Libraries and Archives, Communities Directorate, Kent County Council

Biography

Cath Anley has been Head of Libraries and Archives in Kent since 2002, and brings a wealth of library experience to her role as the Secretary of the Society of Chief Librarians (SCL). Since embarking on a career in libraries, Cath has held posts in East and West Sussex, the London Borough of Hounslow, and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, where she stayed for 14 years. Cath has also worked for the Audit Commission as a Best Value Inspector, a role that resulted in ongoing excellent relationships with Heads of Service. She inspected 7 library services during her 18 months with the Audit Commission, and feels she made a real contribution to service improvements in many of these local authorities.

In Kent, Cath is leading libraries and archives through a transformational change programme that has won the Council wide positive recognition and a number of awards. Cath holds a post graduate diploma in Librarianship, a Diploma in Management and a Masters in Public Service Management. She has been a member of SCL since 2002, and is Programme Director for the annual SCL National Seminar. Cath regularly speaks about library development at national and international conferences.