

# **EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE**

## **Hearing 4**

**Friday 14 May 2010**

**Jan Sellers, Director of Extended Services, Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre, Tenterden**

### **Biography**

Jan Sellers is in her 40<sup>th</sup> year of working within the education sector, and has experience in Universities, Polytechnics, FE Colleges, Secondary, Primary and Nursery Schools. She is a true 'life long learner' and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1990 with the Open University. She has embraced many roles throughout her career including; Medical Photographer, Head of Media Studies, Chartered Librarian, Head of Community Education and her current post as Director of Extended Services at Homewood. Jan also has responsibility for the school farm, children's nursery, Media Centre, Knowledge Information & Communication Centre, school lettings and facilities management.

Homewood School was the first secondary school in the Country to achieve 'Advanced Status' quality mark for their extended school provision. They have provided the 'core offer' since 2006, full day childcare since 2002 and, more recently, a quality mark for 'learning outside the classroom' ( LOTC); this is linked to the school farm. The award has been achieved under the directorship of Jan and the full support of both the Principal and School Governors.

At Homewood School Jan works at both operational and strategic level, supporting young people, their families and the local and wider community in accessing support; "...they need to enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life for others..." (UK Government Sustainability Development Strategy, 2005).