

# **EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE**

## **Hearing 7**

**Wednesday 16 June 2010**

**Linda Leith, Director of Quality in Study Support and Extended Services,  
Canterbury Christ Church University**

### **Biography**

Linda Leith is the Director of Quality in Study Support and Extended Services (QiSS) at Canterbury Christ Church University.

Linda is the national Director for Quality in Study Support and Extended Services, which is based within the Department of Professional Development, Faculty of Education at Canterbury Christ Church University. She is a the co-author of the *Quality Development Framework for Extended Services*, (2009), the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) *Extending Learning Opportunities – A Framework for Self-Evaluation in Study Support (ELO)* (2009) and Head of the Quality in Study Support and Quality in Extended Services recognition schemes. She currently works on behalf of the DCSF to ensure the quality of provision for both extended learning opportunities and extended services nationally.

QiSS links with the Centre for Educational Leadership and School Improvement, and as such Linda is the Programme Director for the Post Graduate Certificate in Critical Friendship and the Certificate for Support Children and Young People. Linda also lectures on the Masters in Education and is an External Advisor for Local Authorities and the Department of Children Schools and Families. Linda is a representative on a number of committees within the University and part of the Knowledge Transfer group. Linda's work with Kent County Council involves providing universal services for the Kent Youth Community Action Pilot; Canterbury Christ Church University is part of this initial pilot scheme. Before taking up her current post Linda has was the Aim Higher Kent and Medway School Manager at Canterbury Christ Church University, and seconded to KCC. She began her teaching career as a secondary science teacher, and held number of senior leadership role including the management of the Excellence in Cities strands in Shepway District. Her PhD focus is on the impact that the Kent HE Compact has on 'widening participation' students, families and the wider community.