

Bus Transport Select Committee

Biography

Ruth Goudie, Senior Transportation Officer, Canterbury City Council

Ruth worked for Canterbury City Council from 1980 until 2005, starting as a trainee civil engineer and working through all the disciplines of engineering whilst obtaining a BTEC, a HNC and a BEng, and specialising in traffic and transportation engineering from 1984 to date. During this time she progressed in seniority and in 2005 became the Team Leader of the Traffic and Transportation team.

In 2005, when highway functions were passed back from the districts to the Highway Authority, Ruth was transferred to KCC as a senior engineer in the Transportation Team. She stayed with KCC for 10 years as a transportation engineer, and in 2015 took a post at Canterbury City Council as a senior transportation officer.

Ruth has been closely involved in the preparation of two transportation strategies for Canterbury. The first, Unlocking the Gridlock, was prepared in 2004. The second, which was approved in draft by Canterbury City Council and KCC in 2015, is a supplementary document to the current Local Plan. Both strategies recognise that Canterbury's transportation challenges arise from its status as a destination for education, retail, heritage and leisure and that the only way to address the growing demand to travel is by promoting choice in travel alternatives.