

# **Kent County Council**

## **Affordable Housing Select Committee**

### **Biographies**

#### **Jo Ellis**

##### **Town and Country Housing Group, Chair of the Kent Housing Group**

Jo Ellis has worked in the housing sector for the last 30 years in a range of national, regional and local housing organisations. Since 2012 she has been employed by Town and Country Housing Group as the Operations Director responsible for service delivery to their 9,000 homes in Kent and East Sussex.

She is proud to hold a non-executive role as a Chair of Kent Housing Group and Chair of the Chartered Institute of Housing South East branch.

Her previous roles include Chief Executive at Eastbourne Homes, Group Housing Service Director at Swan Housing Group and Housing Services Director at West Kent Housing Association.

#### **Sharon Williams**

##### **Ashford Borough Council, Vice Chair of the Kent Housing Group**

Sharon Williams is the Vice Chair of the Kent Housing Group. Sharon has a 35-year long experience in housing. Her background is, more specifically, in homelessness, housing advice and managing access to social housing.

Since 2015 Sharon has worked as Head of Housing at Ashford Borough Council, which is a stock holding local authority with just under 5,000 properties. The role covers all aspects of housing, including housing development, housing strategy, management and maintenance - under the Borough Council's landlord functions and responsibility for homelessness, housing advice and the housing register for access to social housing in the Borough.