

IDeA Peer Review Team – Biographies

Chris Williams

Chris has been Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire County Council since December 2000. Buckinghamshire is a four-star, top-rated Council and the highest performing County Council.

Chris is Chairman of the Local Authorities Chief Executives (LACE) and lead Chief Executive supporting the South East England Councils. He is also a member of the Executive Steering Group. He recently carried out a capability review of the Ministry of Defence.

Previously he was the Council's Director of Environmental Services and Chairman of the SERPLAN Strategy Co-ordination Group that produced the regional planning strategy on behalf of 140 local authorities in London and the South East. He subsequently led the case on behalf of South East County Leaders at the Examination in Public into the most recent South East Plan.

He has been a Director of Thames Valley Economic Partnership, of Business Link Solutions and of EB Buckinghamshire. He is adviser to the Buckinghamshire Economic and Learning Partnership, which is promoting the County as the entrepreneurial heart of Britain. He is also a Director of the Thames Valley Partnership, dealing with Community Safety.

He is also the Clerk to the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy and a visiting Research Fellow of the University of Sussex.

Previous to Buckinghamshire, Chris was County Planning Officer at East Sussex County Council from 1989 to 1996. He also served as President of the County Planning Officer's Society in 1994.

Alan Goodrum

Alan Goodrum is Chief Executive of Chiltern District Council, appointed in 1996. He is Chair of the District Councils Chief Executives' Network, working within the LGA for the interests of districts and has been involved since its inception. Chiltern is part of the Buckinghamshire Pathfinder and he leads the Waste (potential joint waste authority) and Demand Led Transport workstreams.

He is a member of the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Trust and Connexions Board. Previously, he was Director of Planning at Leeds Development Corporation, handling a range of infrastructure and regeneration projects, and Employment Development Officer with Kirklees Metropolitan Council.

He has also held appointments with Peterborough Development Corporation and Durham County Council, following a degree in Town and Country Planning at Manchester University.



Cllr Jane Scott OBE

Jane Scott has been both a District and a County Councillor for 14 years and became Leader of Wiltshire County Council in 2003 until 2009. She is now Leader of the new Wiltshire Council.

Jane chairs the Public Service Board a group of all the main partners from the public sector in Wiltshire.

Jane's background and training is in the agricultural industry. She has been connected with agriculture since leaving school both as a practical farmer and also in education and public relations.



Gill Galliano

Gill Galliano started in the Health Service in 1982 and has worked in the NHS for 25 Years. She began her career working in Finance and later becoming Finance Director. This led her to the role as acting Chief Executive for Surrey Oaklands until late 2002.

Gill joined Lewisham PCT at the end of 2002 as the Director of Neighbourhood Development where she provided leadership in service delivery as well as strategic and organisational development across primary and community services. Gill was made interim Chief Executive in January 2007 and substantive in July 2007.

In addition to her role in Lewisham Gill is the chair of the London Screening Board, CE lead for organisational development across London covering Health and Local Authority partnerships, Chair of South East London Cardiac and Stroke network, CE Lead for communication and engagement for South East London and also Non Executive of newly established social enterprise 'Primary Care Contracting' (a national organisation).



Jerry Broadbent

Gerry Broadbent is a Chief Superintendent in West Yorkshire Police and has worked for the organisation for over 29 years.

Currently BCU Commander at North East Leeds, Gerry's previous roles have included Head of Corporate Review and he has considerable experience of both operational and training environments. His present responsibilities include the development of both the Adult and Childrens Safeguarding agendas across Leeds.

Gerry has worked on a number of national projects, including Stop and Search guidance and Workforce Modernisation.

He holds a degree in Organisational Studies and an MBA.



Judith Hurcombe

Judith Hurcombe has extensive peer review experience, having managed over 35 peer reviews for the IDeA, including county, metropolitan, fire authority and district councils as well as two Strategic Health Authorities. She has worked at the IDeA for 6 years and is responsible for the programme management of the IDeA's work in the North West, Yorkshire & Humber, and North East regions of England.

Her previous roles include corporate development at Kirklees Council, management accounting for a public limited company and managing fraud investigations in the Inland Revenue. Originally from Northamptonshire, Judith is based in West Yorkshire.



Cllr Ross Henley

Cllr Henley has been Leader of Taunton Deane Borough council since 2007 and deputy leader from 2000 to 2003. Prior to this Cllr Henley was leader of the opposition from 2003 to 2007 and also serves as a County Councillor having been elected to Somerset County Council from 1997 to present.

Cllr Henley has experience of council peer reviews in Stockton on Tees and Mid Devon and Tewkesbury borough council. He also has a great deal of experience of partnership working with other councils and partner organisations



Stephen Harrison

Stephen was appointed as Chair of NHS North Somerset (the Primary Care trust) in August 2006. The PCT has moved from an extreme deficit position with Weak-Weak ratings to being rated as Good-Good and as one of 13 most improved trusts in the country. Prior to that he had experience in the NHS as Chair of Mendip primary care trust, as a Non executive director for the Bath and West community trust and as Chair of the Somerset Academy.

Stephen has also had experience in local government as a district councillor for many years and as a council Leader (Mendip district council). His involvement included local strategic partnership development at county and district level and being active in regional bodies.

His main career was in business with senior management positions in Clarks Shoes. He has also acted as an organisational development consultant to private and public sector organisations.

Stephen is active in his community as a school governor, Chair of the village youth club and Board member of the YMCA.



