

**CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
27 OCTOBER 2010**

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**CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION STATEMENT  
(Director of Corporate Services)**

**Nominee:** Catriona Mitchell

**Organisation at which nominee works:** Kerith Community Church

**Nomination seconded by:** Paula Ridgeway, Chair, Homestart Bracknell Forest

**Nomination statement:**

I have a passion to see the voluntary and statutory sectors working together in partnership in the community to make it a great place to live. I understand the overview and scrutiny panel to be part of this.

I came to work in Berkshire Social Services following social work qualification at Edinburgh University and worked with children and families and the family placement teams. During that time I was also an active volunteer with children and young people including working with guides and other youth work.

After a break to bring up family I returned to work with PACT. Initially with a mixed caseload then as a senior social worker, I specialised in the community areas for the agency, setting up a number of drop centres across three communities and establishing a number of new hostels including Bracknell.

I have been part of the Kerith Community Church for over 20 years and employed there for the past 12 years. I have worked and volunteered with children and young people, set up respite services for Kerith Konnections and developed support services for families with children with disabilities. More recently I have established Bracknell Food Bank and head up Crisis Intervention. I also oversee a growing group of deaf and hard of hearing and a group for adults with learning disabilities. I am the CP coordinator for the church.

I now serve on the Children and Young People's Trust and Executive and for three years chaired the Children and Young Peoples Voluntary Sector Forum.

I look forward to working with the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Background Papers

Appointment of Children's Social Care Representative to the Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel Nomination Form from Catriona Mitchell.

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