

Councillor Chris Townsend

Chris Townsend has been an Independent Mole Valley District councillor for the Ashted Park Ward since 1992 and became the Surrey County Councillor for the Ashted Division in 2009.

At Surrey CC he is a member of the Education Select Committee and is also Chairman of a Public Value Review group that is looking at all the Education Services for young people in Surrey. At Mole Valley DC Chris has been, until this last year, Chair of their Scrutiny Committee since that role was created by Government a number of years ago.

He was a Governor, previously Chairman, of Sutton Grammar School and also a Parent Governor of Barnett Wood First School and West Ashted First and Middle School in Ashted.

Chris has been the only Independent member of the Children & Young People Board at the LGA for a number of years - he was also it's Deputy Chair from 2008 - 2011. Previously he had been Chairman of the LGA's Scrutiny Panel.