

# Community Services Department structure



**Director of Community Services**  
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**Strategic Policy & Improvement Manager**  
Gary Peskett

Directorate support services

Strategy & enabling

Strategic support services

**Head of Housing**  
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Asset Management

Debt recovery

Older peoples services

Tenancy & Estate Management

Tenant Participation

**Head of Safety & Wellbeing**  
Steve Osborne

Central Control

Homestay

Housing Options

Private Sector Housing

Public Safety Unit

**Head of Community Development**  
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Children & Youth

Community Business

Neighbourhood Development

Riverside Children's Centre

## Community development service structure, functions and contacts

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### Children & Youth Team

Free activities for 5-18 year olds:

- 511 Team
- streetranner
- street team

Consultation & participation opportunities

- Say What?
- Pupil's voice
- Youth action teams
- Hot Topix youth conference

Support for other providers:

- Play Provider Network

For more information, please visit dedicated website for children and young people:  
[www.notbored.net](http://www.notbored.net)

or contact:

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**Children & Youth Manager**

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### Community Business Team

Administration of concessionary travel passes for over 60's and people with an eligible disability

Core administrative support for other teams within the service area – including management support, performance management, invoice processing, training co-ordination.

For more information, please contact:

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### Neighbourhood Development Team

Community & voluntary sector support:

- Fundraising
- Project planning / management
- Engaging volunteers
- Monitoring & evaluation
- Skills development
- Single Grants Gateway (voluntary sector grants & concessions)
- Community consultation
- Community portal - [www.e-canterbury.co.uk](http://www.e-canterbury.co.uk)

Parish council support:

- Parish concurrent revenue & capital grant funding
- Parish council forum

Neighbourhood centres:

- Management of Spring Lane & Lucerne centres

For more information, please contact:

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### Riverside Children's Centre

Management of the children's centre at Kingsmead, and associated multi-agency services for 0-5's and their families, including:

- childcare provision with early education
- support for parents wanting to access training or work
- ante-natal classes and baby clinics information and advice about breastfeeding, parenting and speech and language
- family support, outreach and drop-in groups for parents and children services for children with special needs and disabilities

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.riverside.childrencentre.org](http://www.riverside.childrencentre.org)

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