

cfps associate programme
Derek Bishop – CV

Key information

Key skills or areas of expertise

Derek has over 30 years experience of working in local government at a senior level with managers and Councillors. He is experienced at developing and managing governance arrangements and a wide range of policy issues. Derek has first hand experience of managing a scrutiny team and in supporting elected members to run a diverse programme of overview and scrutiny activities. He has a good understanding of the sensitivities that are required to manage the relationships, tensions and issues that arise in working in a political setting and in relation to governance issues and Overview and Scrutiny in particular. He has considerable experience of working across boundaries both internally to a local authority and externally, and has been a member of and also chaired a number of partnership boards. Derek has a wide experience of developing and running training and development activities for local authorities and their partners on a range of governance, and policy issues and in particular on overview and scrutiny. He has a great deal of experience in change management and in undertaking service reviews and has also undertaken reviews of the overview and scrutiny functions of a number of local authorities.

Experience and background

Relevant professional / academic qualifications

MBA in Public Policy University of Birmingham.

Chair County and Unitary Councils Overview and Scrutiny Network.

Employment / professional history (most recent first)

April 2007 – to date - freelance Local Government facilitator and consultant working with a wide range of individual local authorities supporting them in evaluating the performance of and in developing their overview and scrutiny function. Centre for Public Scrutiny Associate and member of the CfPS Health Expert Advisory Team.

1987 – March 2007 Oxfordshire County Council Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny (previously Head of Corporate Services).

Recent work undertaken

Name of organisation: East Dorset District Council
Brief description of work undertaken: Review of Overview and Scrutiny Function undertaken on behalf of Centre for Public Scrutiny as part of the South West Regional Efficiency and Improvement partnership.

Name of organisation: Wiltshire Council
Brief description of work undertaken: Supporting the Local Area Agreement Partnerships Task Group in considering how the new Council should undertake LAA and CDRP scrutiny.

Name of organisation: Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Warrington Improvement Partnership
Brief description of work undertaken Overview and Scrutiny development programme for elected members as part of IdEA work with the Partnership.

Name of organisation: Durham County Council
Brief description of work undertaken Overview and Scrutiny development programme for elected members, officers and partners as part of preparation for new Durham Unitary Council.

Name of organisation: Cumbria County Council
Brief description of work undertaken Review of Overview and Scrutiny Function undertaken on behalf of Centre for Public Scrutiny.