

The Chief Executive – Role, Responsibilities and the Person

David has been in post since July 2001. Before this he was Assistant Chief Executive at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council in Greater Manchester. His public service includes experience at metropolitan boroughs (unitary), shire district and counties in the North East and North West of England.

As Chief Executive, he is the Council's Head of Paid Service and Proper Officer for a number of statutory functions. The responsibilities are set out in Article 14 of the Council's Constitution and the Proper Officer duties under Part 4 Section 22.

The Chief Executive leads and takes responsibility for the work of about 600 paid staff that deliver the Council's services. The role of Chief Executive is a full time appointment made on merit, against objective criteria, following public advertisement. The appointment is made by the whole Council. By law, the Chief Executive (as with other senior staff) is not allowed to participate in any party political activity.

The Chief Executive is expected to show community leadership and represent the Council on various strategic bodies and partnerships. In addition, he may be elected or invited to serve on regional or national bodies as a result of his position as Chief Executive. For example, David has served on regional committees in the North West and South West; been a non-executive director of Gloucestershire Connexions and Gloucestershire Development Agency; the national Chief Executive Network representing colleagues in the South West; and an adviser to community trusts.

He is the District Controller for emergency planning and civil contingencies. David is the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the District Council and Returning Officer for parish councils.

He lives in the District.