

OVERVIEW OF GOVERNORS

Derek Randall

Derek is the Chair of Board of Governors; Finance Personnel and General Purposes; Search and Remuneration Committees. He is also a Link Governor for the Business Development & Marketing Area Review Group.

Derek is the proprietor of Derek Randall & Associates who are consultants in international sales and marketing. He was previously Managing Director of the Courtaulds Bridgwater site, a large employer in plastics manufacturing.

John Alvis

John is Vice Chair of Board of Governors, Chair of the Audit Committee and a Link Governor for the Land-based, Business & Sports Area Review Group.

John is a Senior Director in a large agricultural company, Lye Cross Farm, specialising in the production of cheese.

Lyndon Brett

Lyndon is Chair of the Building Projects Committee and a member of Finance, Personnel and General Purposes Committees.

Lyndon is a Chartered Surveyor, Licensed Property Valuer and Property Investor and is the proprietor of Lyndon Brett Partnerships based in Bridgwater.

Adam Collett

Adam is a Trainer Assessor Team Leader based at Cannington Campus. He is a member of the Quality and Standards Committee and is a staff Governor.

Beverley Hawkins

Associate Professor of Leadership / Organisational Studies, Associate Academic Dean for Students at the University of Exeter. Beverley is a member of the HE Senate and the Quality and Standards Committee.

Alan Hunt

Alan is the Chair of the Quality and Standards Committee. He is also a Link Governor for the Construction, Automotive and Engineering Area Review Group and HE Senate.

Alan has worked extensively in higher education and was Head of Academic Development and Quality at Bournemouth University until 2007. He was subsequently an Assistant Director for the QAA, and is a consultant in Higher Education.

Hannah Lenthall

Hannah is a Curriculum Manager for Creative Arts based at the Taunton Campus. She is a member of the Quality and Standards Committee and a staff Governor.

Claire Pearce

Claire is the Link Governor for the Sustainability Committee as well as the Audit Committee. Claire is the Director of Planning and Economic Development for Gravity, just outside Bridgwater, which is a centre for clean growth, employment and the talent and technology of the future which is attracting forward-thinking business to the southwest. Claire is a member of the Audit Committee and Sustainability Committee for the College.

Denys Rayner

Denys has had a varied career in banking and the launch of 'Confused.com' before becoming CEO of Pardoes Solicitors and then launching his own consultancy focussing on business growth. He is also an experienced governor and Chair.

David Selway

David is the Link Governor for the Land-based, Business and Sports Area Review Group and the Health and Safety Committee. David operates Functional Farm Ltd., a training farm, and is manager of Bridgwater-based Micron Biosystems which provides technology based products and solutions to address challenges in animal health and husbandry.

Nick Skyrme

Former Director of Finance and Estates at the College, Nick is a member of the Finance, Personnel and General Purposes Committee.

Helen Stapleton

Helen is the Workforce Programme Lead for Somerset STP. This is a function she has led since 2017. Alongside this, she has held the post of Head of People and Systems Planning for the last 17 years.

She has extensive experience of working in the NHS and in Strategic Management. Originally a Chief Pharmacist, Helen has a wide range of qualifications which include MBA, MSc Inter Professional Health and Welfare Studies and a Post Graduate Certificate in Strategic Workforce Planning. Helen has been instrumental in leading the project on behalf of the NHS to introduce Nursing into Somerset. She was the catalyst for the Workforce Development Group which over a four-year period successfully supported the achievement of NMC approval for UCS.

David Taylor

Member of the Quality and Standards and Audit Committees and a Link Governor for the Safeguarding Committee and Student Services Area Review Group. He has been a qualified social worker since 1979 and was the Director of Children's Services in Somerset from 2004 to 2010 and Director of People's Services in Shropshire between 2010 and 2013.

David is Chair of Governors at Court Fields School Wellington, is a Trustee on the Somerset Community Foundation and sits as a non-executive on the Altogether Care Company.

Mike Westlake

Mike was a Bridgwater College apprentice employed by Hinkley Point B, and during his time at the College was a World Skills finalist in AutoCAD (Computer-Aided Design). This skills area led to his senior role with US Company Autodesk, who produce specialist CAD software and services for industry and education, and work with Google, Microsoft and Apple among other Silicon Valley firms. Mike is a Link Governor on the Digital Innovation meeting.

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