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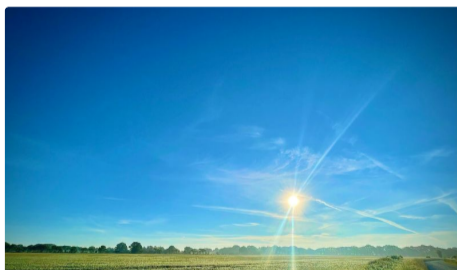
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Experience



Folkestone & Hythe District Council

8 years 9 months

Chief Executive

Apr 2018 - Present · 4 years 3 months

United Kingdom

Provide strategic and corporate leadership and direction to Officers of the Council so as to deliver the vision, values and objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan.

Determine and establish the organisational structure, managing and providing strategic direction across the Council.

Act as principal policy advisor to Members in order to enable them to make informed choices and decisions.

Ensure that strategies, policies and systems are in place to communicate with and consult about the activities and priorities of the council externally.

Ensure the effective governance of the Council and the legality, probity, integrity, proper public accountability and scrutiny of its decision-making processes.

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Chief Executive

Apr 2018 - Present · 4 years 3 months

Folkestone, Kent, United Kingdom

Corporate Director; Regeneration & Growth

Oct 2013 - Mar 2018 · 4 years 6 months

Folkestone, England, United Kingdom

Director

South East Local Enterprise Partnership

Apr 2012 - Sep 2013 · 1 year 6 months

Chelmsford, United Kingdom

Director of the largest non-metropolitan LEP with a population of 3.7m and 156,000 businesses contributing £63bn pa GVA, managing a public private sector Board of 44 representing 6 strategic authorities, 32 local authorities and 8 F/HEIs. Deploying a number of funding streams with a budget of some £50m through a small team of 6.

Significant business and political acumen and technical judgement in setting strategy and policy, analysing information, securing funding opportunities, and...

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SEEDA

12 years 2 months

Executive Director

Nov 2009 - Mar 2012 · 2 years 5 months

Guildford, Surrey

Directed the restructuring and then full closure of SEEDA's multi-million pound business development unit (£70m), acting as Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for Finance, Risk & Assurance. Closed or transferred activities into 15 different receiving bodies (including HCA, TSB, CfEL, BIS, DCLG, DEFRA etc), managing staff and delivery implications to ensure a clean closure programme and safe transfer of on-going activities.

In 2011/12 through closure of 32 programmes, delivered £7.5m of...

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Change Programme Director

Jan 2009 - Nov 2009 · 11 months

stakeholder relations, strategic account management, and communications programming.

Focused the Agency in supporting high growth businesses opportunities in key sectors and creating a new approach to inward investment...

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Area Director, Kent & Medway

Feb 2003 - Dec 2008 · 5 years 11 months

Kent, UK

Led multi-million pound area-based regeneration plans in the Thames Gateway (North Kent) and in East Kent (covering Margate, Canterbury & Folkestone) addressing urban extensions, town centre renewal, education-led, arts and culture-led growth plans and worked in multi-disciplinary teams to deliver against growth policy objectives.

Influenced and negotiated at senior levels within local government, with local politicians, with national partners, and businesses to deliver business support,...

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Deputy Director, Business & International

Feb 2002 - Feb 2003 · 1 year 1 month

Guildford, United Kingdom

Led business development activities - enterprise development, innovation capacity, commercialisation and internationalisation.

Oversaw divisional budgets and performance data for the service area, prepared Board reports, responsible for corporate planning activities.

Designed a new International Trade Sector Advisory programme to deliver against policy objectives of enhancing trade and exporting, now currently funded and run by UKTI.

Led a change programme - Designed and...

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Head of Business Support

Feb 2000 - Feb 2002 · 2 years 1 month

Guildford, United Kingdom

Within a national framework, developed and implemented the region's strategies, policies and plans in support of SMEs growth and development, encompassing such issues as innovation, technology transfer, export and international affairs and business financing.

Business Development Executive

British Chambers of Commerce

Jul 1998 - Feb 2000 · 1 year 8 months

London, United Kingdom

Re-designed the management and monitoring systems across the national British Chamber of Commerce network which represented over 100,000 business members and 60 Chambers of Commerce across the UK.

Designed a new national benchmarking system and developed new accreditation standards and implemented these across the national UK network.

Proactively developed relationships and liaised with business members to ensure they were aware of and received maximum impact from the range of...

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Education

University of Cambridge

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) · Economic Geography

1995 - 1998

Activities and Societies: Horse riding; walking

ESRC and BCC sponsored PhD at St Catherine's College.

University of Greenwich

Bachelor of Arts (BA) · Business Studies · First Class Hons

1992 - 1995

Activities and Societies: Horse Riding

Volunteer Experience

Organiser

Medway Rugby Club - Mini Section

Sep 2012 - May 2015 · 2 years 9 months

Organising the annual rugby tour weekend for up to 75 families and 300 tourists.

Publications

Priest, S.J. (1998) Business Links: A Method for Examining Customer Satisfaction, Dissatisfaction & Complaining Behaviour. Journal of Customer Satisfaction, Dissatisfaction & Complaining Behaviour. December 1998 (USA).

Journal of Customer Satisfaction, Dissatisfaction & Complaining Behaviour

Priest, S.J. (1999) Business Link SME Services: Targeting, Innovation & Charging. Government & Policy, Issue 8, 1999 (UK).

Government & Policy

Courses

- **Post Graduate Certificate in Finance, London School of Business & Finance (2011).**

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Languages

English

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