

Curriculum Vitae – Michelle Morris

Career History

October 2017 to date

Chief Executive (Managing Director), Blaenau Gwent CBC

- Responsible for the overall leadership of the organisation, as Head of Paid Service, and principle policy adviser to Elected Members accountable for delivery of services in line with council priorities.
- Responsible for the strategic management of the Council, its workforce of 3,500 and an annual budget of £180M, and for policy development and service delivery, using innovative approaches to deliver change and improved outcomes.
- Managing complexity, working with multiple stakeholders, Elected Representatives, communities and service users.
- Working across the public sector, through partnerships and collaboration, including the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal and Public Service Boards.
- Responsible for the leadership of the Council's emergency response, and recovery, to the Pandemic including partnership working across the public sector through the Regional Strategic Co-ordination Group.
- Responsible for ensuring strong governance and high standards of conduct, within the Council, and used to being held to account in public office.
- High level of personal resilience and upholding the ethical standards required within the public sector.

February 2008 to October 2017

Deputy Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer (previously Assistant CEX), Highland Council, Scotland

- Responsible for the leadership of Corporate Services and Change across the organisation.
- Deputising for the Chief Executive in the leadership and development of the organisation.
- Monitoring Officer (statutory role) responsible for corporate governance and conduct, ensuring the Council maintained the highest standards and that issues were dealt with promptly and appropriately.

2004 to 2008

Assistant Chief Executive, City & County of Swansea

2000 to 2004

Head of Communications & Customer Relations, Carmarthenshire County Council

1997 to 2000

Corporate Marketing Co-ordinator, Pembrokeshire County Council

1995 to 1997

Community & Tourism Development Officer, Menter Preseli (EU LEADER Programme)

1990 to 1995

Community & Tourism Development Officer, SPARC (EU LEADER Programme)

1987 to 1990

Marketing Manager, Mendip Foods (Somerset)

Other Relevant Information

Qualifications

- Masters Business Administration - University of Glamorgan 1996-1999
- MSc Marketing – Cranfield Institute 1986-87

Non-Executive & Professional Roles

- Pembrokeshire MENCAP Ltd – Director and Trustee (appointed in 2019)
- Dyfed Powys Police/Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Joint Audit Committee (appointed October 2021)
- Member SOLACE (Wales)