



Election of Officers and Council for 2016/17

Spencer PALMER

Director, Transport & Mobility - London Councils

Qualifications:

BEng (Hons), CEng, MICE, FCIHT

Proposers:

Steve Rowsell, Andreas Markides, Dana Skelley, David Gibby, Sheila Holden, Russell Bennett, Matthew Lugg, David Black

Previous Membership of Council (dates and committees):

Nominated Council Member – 2008-2013

Network Infrastructure & Management Board (NIMB) and Learned Society & Technical Strategy Board (LSTSB) – 2007-2014 (Vice-Chair from 2011-2104)

Elected member of Council – 2013-Present Day

Trustee without portfolio – 2012-2014

Chair of Membership & Skills Strategy Board (MSSB) and Trustee – 2014-Present Day

Branch Committee Experience (roles and dates):

South Eastern Committee member 2012-2013

Career Summary:

I have over 25 years experience working as a highways and transport professional in local and central government and have played an active role at CIHT for nearly ten years. I have particularly enjoyed the last two years as Chair of the Membership and Skills Strategy Board, overseeing an exciting programme of activity - highlights of which include launching our new Diversity and Inclusion Tool Kit, piloting a new mentor online portal and introducing an apprenticeship grade of membership.

My current role at London Councils involves developing policy, lobbying and the provision of guidance and advice on a range of transport matters. I am also responsible for delivering London-wide services, such as the Freedom Pass concessionary travel scheme, the London Lorry Control Scheme and London Tribunals.

Prior to joining London Councils, I was Head of Highway Operations at Kent County Council, responsible for maintaining the safe operation of Kent's extensive highway network. Before joining Kent, I was Deputy Director of Traffic at the Department for Transport developing national policy, legislation and guidance in areas such as street design, parking, signs and traffic management.

I started my career as a trainee Civil Engineer, following a structured development programme much like today's apprenticeship schemes. This helped me gain the qualifications, skills and experience I needed to become chartered and progress my career. My own experience is one of the reasons for my keen interest in apprenticeships and skills development - interests I hope to continue to champion as a CIHT Council member.