

MATTHEW WARREN

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PROFILE:

I am a very enthusiastic and creative person with extensive senior management experience. I am outgoing with strong and effective communication and organisation skills. I am very versatile, always looking to learn and improve. I enjoy responding to new challenges.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Appointed Interim Chief Financial Officer for Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner in January 2017;
- Appointed as Deputy Chief Executive for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service in January 2016;
- Appointed as Director of Resources to Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service in February 2009;
- Appointed Chief Financial Officer to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority in October 2004;
- Re-engineered the Authority's Business Planning process;
- Restructured the Support Services function for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, achieving a saving of £2.6 million, whilst improving the service provided;
- Lead the project to rebuild a Fire Station in Cambridge at zero cost to the taxpayer, whilst realising a receipt of £1.1 million in profit share;
- Created a Shared ICT Service with Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service;
- Founding member of a Fire and Rescue Services Insurance consortium focussed on refreshing the Insurance market and reducing premiums;
- Advised the Fire Authority on the restructure of the Principal Management Team;
- Devised and implemented a fully integrated commitment accounting system to Cambridgeshire Adult Social Care to control £20 million expenditure;
- Constructed the financial bid to secure £3 million European funding.

CAREER HISTORY:

2003 – to date Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

2016 – to date Deputy Chief Executive

- Lead the review of the Executive Management Team, advising elected members of the Authority on options recommending the most suitable option;
- Joint Chief Financial Officer for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue and Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner;
- Member on a number of national bodies working with central Government on developing and delivering new Government Policy.

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2003 – 2016 Director of Resources and Treasurer to Fire Authority

- Responsible officer for all aspects of financial control;
- Lead and direct the Authority's Finance, Procurement, Property, Information Technology, Human Resources, Programme Management and Business Support functions;
- Introduced a delegated approach to managing financial resources across the organisation;
- Integrated Risk Management into the Authority's planning processes;
- Lead on a major initiative to assess the viability to merge with Suffolk Fire and Rescue;
- Accountable to the Fire Authority on all Strategic financial advice (Statutory legal role);
- Implemented new systems and structure to improve the Project Management and delivery across the Service;
- Lead the implementation of new technology focussed on improving business process and realising efficiency savings.

1993 – 2003 Cambridgeshire County Council

2002 – 2003 Principal Accountant (Social Services)

- Managed Social Services budgets to the value of £25 million;
- Project manager for evaluating the departments methods and systems for controlling expenditure in light of significant budgetary overspends;
- Reduced the bad debt to the service by £400k;
- Business champion in implementing new integrated financial system.

1999 – 2002 Senior Accountant (Environment and Transport)

- Responsible for managing budgets in excess of £35 million;
- Project manager for best value review of Highways and Engineering services;
- Treasurer for the Cambridgeshire cost recovery partnership;
- Developed and delivered training packages to the departments budget holders;
- Produced public documents for approval by Senior Management Teams and Cabinet members.

QUALIFICATIONS:

CIPFA Qualified Accountant; AAT Qualified.

BTEC National Diploma in Business and Finance; 9 GCSE's – Grades A-C.