



Robert Walker
Local Authority Governor

UTC Sheffield OLP Local Governing Body

UTC Sheffield OLP EQC Committee

UTC Sheffield OLP Link Governor for Maths

Training Log:		
Safeguarding	31 August 2017	
Channel / Prevent	5 September 2016	
DBS	2 September 2016	
Pecuniary Interests	10 October 2018	Employee Sheffield City Council
Skills Audit	19 January 2018	
Personal Profile:		
<p>I currently have a wide range of strategic responsibilities around Lifelong Learning Skills for Sheffield City Council.</p> <p>I lead and project-manage a portfolio of different activities, which are around the areas of Digital Learning, Employment and Enterprise. This includes taking projects from needs identification, through inception, to securing funding, delivering and evaluating.</p> <p>In the early part of 2017, I was asked to take on the strategic direction and development of Enterprise and Employability Skills amongst young people within Sheffield.</p> <p>During the second half of 2017 I was invited to project manage and provide strategic oversight for the Google Bus project.</p> <p>I also lead activity around developing digital skills for economic productivity. This is done through a range of projects and activities which seek to develop increased skills and understanding of the digital world for our young people and communities. This includes close partnership with businesses ranging from SMEs through to BT, IBM and Google.</p> <p>I am the Local Authority representative on further projects where high-quality learning experiences are set up with the close involvement of economic sector based professionals.</p> <p>By virtue of my long-standing association with the worlds of Sport and Digital, I am an active member of the Governing Body for Sheffield's second University Technical College, which is located on the Olympic Legacy Park.</p>		

Another part of my remit is to also prepare strategic advice, funding guidance and updated information for elected members and others. This is often on a diverse but inter-connected range of topics including Youth Engagement and Enrichment activities for Sheffield's young people.

I am our City's representative and main contact for Eurocities - which is an association of over 130 European cities and the Erasmus+ and Horizon 2020 programmes.

Communication Skills

- A broad range of coaching and mentoring skills built upon the experience of working positively with a range of Senior Leaders across the City.
- The ability to communicate and achieve common strategic goals across a range of public and private sector organisations to provide deeper evaluation of their impact.
- The sensitive use of communication strategies and branding of different organisations.
- An understanding of the local nature of communities and community groups through using Schools and Educational Settings as a springboard.
- Fully proficient in office-based skills such as MS Office applications, budgetary analysis and management, procurement and technical understanding.
- A wide experience of and expertise in Evaluation report writing and analysing data.
- A flexible approach, continuous appetite for learning and 'can-do' attitude.
- Working knowledge of and ability in French and Spanish.
- Conversant with a range of different social media formats

Organisational/managerial skills

- A detailed understanding of external funding and devising appropriate systems which withstand detailed audit scrutiny.
- A strong capacity and understanding of bid writing and securing external investment.
- By working with employers and Third Sector organisations across a wide range of sectors, I have developed a detailed understanding of the requirements for success in these areas.
- Understanding and securing best value through balancing needs and interests of both public and private sectors.
- Personnel skills including rigorous management of recruitment and retention processes.
- Leadership and Matrix Project Management skills which have translated shared vision into practice.

Voluntary Positions

- Chair of Sheffield's Badminton Performance Centre and Community Badminton Association which delivers elite performance athletes in a growing sport and develops community engagement.
- A School Governor of 30 years' experience.