

Business career

Stephen is a professional, experienced project manager with exceptional experience across the UK in payroll, finance, service contracts, audit, technical documentation and business analysis. Stephen is highly adept in managing change, enhancing business process, training staff, compliance procedures, prioritising workloads and managing risk.

Stephen held numerous concurrent contracts for over 20 years ranging from Assistant Auditor and Paymaster to Payroll Manager and Researcher. He worked with several local councils, Police forces, private consultancies, SMEs and large Blue-Chip organisations. He managed outsourcing contracts, delivered high-end operational strategy, defined key service level agreements, performed internal and external audits, streamlined finance departments and increased efficiency across the board. He devised technical documentation within the realms of software, payroll, staffing, pension handbooks, VAT, ICT and fleet management. He ran several major projects for a UK Police Force relating to IT systems, rosters, reporting, performance management and analysis, business process re-engineering and setting up a completely new unit in the Force, winning a commendation from the Operational Command Unit Commander for the latter project in 2012.

Political Career

Stephen was first elected as a Councillor to Peterborough City Council (a Unitary Authority) in 2004 and represented the East Ward as a Conservative Councillor until 2009, when he moved to the English Democrats. Stephen was re-elected twice during his term. He served on many committees and was Chair of the powerful Scrutiny Committee in 2003-4, Cabinet Member for Community Services from 2005 to 2006, Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement from 2006 to 2008 and Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services from 2008 to 2009. He was also Deputy Leader of the Council from 2006 to 2009. He ran for Parliament in 1997 and 2010.

You can find a slightly dated commentary on his work as an East Ward Councillor (up to 2009) here:

<http://www.councillor.info/peterborough/sgoldspink/25099/Default.aspx>

Why Police Commissioner?

The English Democrats' manifesto has good old fashioned English common-sense policies for policing and I expect will strongly appeal to the electorates of most English Constabularies. Elected English Democrats' Police and Crime Commissioners will purge their police forces of political correctness and focus their police forces on catching real criminals and maintaining traditional English Law and Order rather than Politically Correct social engineering projects or excessive harassment of motorists as an easy target to enable Chief Constables to claim inflated clear-up rates.

If elected I shall remove motoring offences from Cambridgeshire police statistics so that the clear-up rate of real crime is clear to Cambridgeshire's voters. I also intend to seek a mandate from the people of Cambridgeshire that every police station should fly the Cross of St George; that "communities" budgets are used to promote Cambridgeshire's celebrations of St George's Day and upon a zero tolerance attitude on the part of Cambridgeshire's police force to petty crime and anti-social behaviour, that blights so many of our communities.

I fully intend to use the Police Commissioners power to dismiss the Chief Constable in the event of non-compliance.

I attended the Association of Chief Police Officers' Conference held in Manchester on 23 May 2012 and heard how the Police expected the role to work; I am convinced that I can provide an excellent conduit for the people of Cambridgeshire to use to ensure the Cambridgeshire Police provide the service that the people want.

Business experience and strong representation skills – with a little politics in the distant background – will, I believe, be the recipe for success for the Cambridgeshire Police Commissioner. Please support me!