

**David Parr LLB, DBA**  
**Chief Executive, Halton Borough Council**



David is a qualified solicitor but no longer practices law.

In June 2004 David became the Chief Executive of Halton Borough Council.

Halton excels in many areas of business and is widely recognised as a “high performing” Council that not only “can do” but “does do”.

Halton’s Children’s Services and its Adult Services are both highly regarded, nationally and locally. Halton is an innovative council and operates through strong partnerships, particularly with its health colleagues.

David’s background is in planning, environmental and transportation law. He has extensive experience in the areas of regeneration and urban renewal and has led numerous transformational regeneration projects in Nottinghamshire, Tameside, Macclesfield and most recently Halton (Widnes & Runcorn) and the Liverpool City Region, creating new employment sites, regenerating town centres and generating major new job opportunities.

In particular, he has driven the £2billion Mersey Gateway Bridge Project from concept to construction and in November 2014 was appointed Chief Executive of the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board. A role he combines with his local authority duties.

David is also a Board Director on the JV at Sci Tech Daresbury, an internationally recognised Science and Innovation Campus and works across the NW on the science agenda.

In addition, he sits on the Board of Halton Chamber; and has also been heavily involved with the development of the 3MG multi-modal logistics site at Widnes, the renaissance of the Runcorn Shopping Centre and Widnes Town Centre, Widnes Vikings Rugby League Club, The Brindley Arts Centre (Runcorn) and the Select Security Stadium in Widnes.

As the lead local authority CX in the NW for Children Services, David chairs the North West Children Services Sector Improvement Board and has a keen interest in learning and skills, and the positive development of opportunities for, and the safeguarding of, children and young people. He also Chairs the Pan- Cheshire CSE Strategy Group.

David has undertaken a number of Peer Reviews and as an experienced CX also acts as a mentor to new CXs and those new into senior management.

He represents Halton and the Liverpool City Region on a number of Regional and National bodies and plays a major role in the Liverpool City Region, the Daresbury Enterprise Zone, the LCR Super-port Committee and science and innovation activities in the NW. He is also an Apprenticeship Ambassador.

In November 2015 David was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration by the University of Chester in recognition of his services to local government and Halton.

History

After reading law at university and completing his professional qualifications he joined Nottinghamshire County Council as an Articled Clerk in 1984.

Over a ten-year period at Nottinghamshire, which included a brief spell with Nottingham City Council, David progressed to the post of Assistant County Secretary (Legal Services). Over this period David covered all aspects of local government law. He was also instrumental in promoting the first local Act of Parliament that led to the introduction of a light rail transit system in Nottingham City Centre.

In 1994 David moved to Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council as Borough Solicitor.

At Tameside David developed his skills further leading a number of projects including the Council’s Year 2000 project. David also enjoyed a six-month secondment to the DTLR Modernisation Team assisting local government in the implementation of the Local Government Act 2000.

In 2001, before moving to Halton, David became Chief Executive at Macclesfield Borough Council where he led a major organisational change preparing the Council for Local Government reorganisation.