

# Jane Portman

Jane is an experienced Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer, and Electoral Registration Officer. She also has extensive experience of Local Government Reorganisation.

At Bournemouth Council she was Director of Children's Services, Director of Adult Social Services and Deputy Chief Executive and was then appointed Managing Director and Head of Paid Service. Jane led the councils through local government reorganisation to become Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole (BCP) Council through to vesting day on 1 April 2019 as Interim Head of Paid Service.



Jane has worked as an interim senior leader and manager since May 2019. She worked for Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council as Interim Corporate Director.

She was also Interim Chief Executive of South Somerset District Council August 2021-March 2023 and worked collaboratively with all Somerset Chief Executives to steer the local government reorganisation programme to vesting day on 1 April 2023.

Jane started her career in education, working in Portsmouth and Southampton for Hampshire County Council as a teacher and later at Northamptonshire County Council as education adviser and inspector as well as being an OFSTED inspector.

She also worked at Bristol City Council as an education advisor and inspector and at Borough of Poole Council as Head of School Advice and Support Services.

Early in her career, Jane also spent two years working for the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO).

Additionally, she is a senior officer peer for the Local Government Association (LGA) and has led LGA Corporate Peer Challenges, while also a SOLACE Associate and a SOLACE recommended 'Critical Friend' for councils embarking on local government reorganisation.