



## IPSWICH TOWN DEAL

### **Board Member Profiles**

#### **Terry Baxter**

As Executive Chair of Ipswich Central Ltd (Business Improvement District), Terry represents the interests of over 620 town centre business. The BID was the instigator in 2015 of the creation of the Ipswich Vision, which was adopted by the original 7 (now 8) partners.

His focus is on the successful development and regeneration of Ipswich Town Centre and continuing to work to a 'Vision' strategy that all partners can commit to delivering for the benefit of all who, live, work, invest in or visit our town.

#### **James Davey**

James is a Personal Business Mentor working with the owners of small and medium sized businesses in the Suffolk / Essex area. As such he has an interest in issues impacting local business owners.

James has been a member of the management committee of the Ipswich & Suffolk Small Business Association since 2008, four years of which he was Chair. The association exists to support small business owners in Ipswich and Suffolk. We run regular networking events and organise the annual Anglia Business Exhibition which will be celebrating its 25th year in 2021. The exhibition provides an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their businesses in a professional setting.

In addition to this, James is a governor of Ipswich School and have other business interests in the town and its surrounding areas. He has lived most his life in Ipswich and has a keen interest in making the town a better place in which to live, work and invest.

#### **Dr Dean Dorsett BA(Oxon)MA, MBBS, MRCP, PGCertEd, MBA**

Dean is a local GP in central Ipswich and Governing Body member of the CCG. He chooses to be on the board to improve the health and quality of life of Ipswich residents and especially those in our society in most need.

Other roles include:

- RCGP East of England Regional Clinical Lead for Person Centred Care
- Governing Body Member IESCCG
- Clinical Lead for Social Prescribing IESCCG
- GP Principle Burlington Primary Care: <https://www.burlingtonprimarycare.co.uk/team/dr->

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- Director 08000HEALTH Ltd – a start-up with interests in empowering patients and students.

### **Neil MacDonald**

Neil has been the Leader of Ipswich Borough Council since May 2023, with Portfolio Holder responsibility for Economic Development and Property. He previously served Ipswich Borough Council for 12 years, covering the Community Safety and then Housing portfolios.

He had a 35-year career in IT, starting out on video telephony, moving on to Internet projects and then Cyber Security.

### **C-J Green**

C-J Green is Co-Founder and Executive Director of BraveGoose, a HR technology solution dealing with employee relations advice. Prior to being a HR tech entrepreneur, she was previously Chief People Officer and then more latterly Chief Executive of a 26,000 strong workforce in the UK.

C-J is also Chair of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership as well as Trustee of Pepal who connect non-government organisations and global corporations to find solutions to social issues.

### **Sarah Holmes**

Sarah Holmes is Chief Executive of The New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich which she reopened 20 years ago along with Artistic Director Peter Rowe, placing accessibility, quality and diversity at the centre of the artistic offer and its wider work with various town communities.

She was instrumental in the setting up of We Are Ipswich in 2017 - a collective of professional creative and performance companies operating in Ipswich united to highlight the breadth of talent and opportunity working from Ipswich with local, national and international reach.

She is currently leading on 'Ramps on the Moon' an Arts Council funded project that brings together seven major mainstream UK theatre partners to respond to the opportunities and challenges of creating more employment and access for D/deaf and disabled artists, participants and audiences.

She is delighted to have become a 'citizen' of Ipswich after 20 years of investment in the town's cultural life and is proud to be involved in the development of its future.

### **Terry Hunt**

Terry was the Editor of the East Anglian Daily Times for 21 years until retirement in 2017. He now works with many Suffolk organisations and charities. He is also a Deputy Lieutenant for Suffolk.

Terry became chair of the Ipswich Vision board in 2017, working with partners to drive the town forward.

### **Tom Hunt MP**

Member of Parliament for Ipswich on the Board to represent the people of the Ipswich constituency in making sure Ipswich's Towns Funding is spent in their interests. In his role, Tom also provides a key link through Parliament to the Government which is providing this funding.

### **Becca Jackaman**

Becca joined the Board because of my work with disabled people within the local community. She led a support group (Progression Sessions) which allows people living with different disabilities to voice their experiences and make positive changes.

She was involved in a collaboration with Ipswich Borough Council to help improve the regenerated Cornhill. As a wheelchair-user, she can empathise, while also using her own experiences to offer a different perspective that will benefit the Board's project choices.

Becca is also a resident member and the Secretary for North-west Ipswich Big Local Trust. It engages with the community to find out what they think is needed in the wards of Whitton, Whitehouse, and Castle Hill. She was also part of the now-disbanded Whitehouse Wanderers community group, which had a similar objective specifically for the Whitehouse area.

### **Catherine Johnson**

Catherine is the Vice-President of Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. The Suffolk Chamber of Commerce is one of the founding partners of the Ipswich Vision. She is the Suffolk Chamber's appointed representative on the Ipswich Vision Board.

In addition, Catherine is a Board member of Ipswich Central Board and past Chair of the Greater Ipswich Chamber of Commerce. These varied appointments provide me with the opportunity to gather real insight into Town issues and to feedback on members' views and opinions across each of these pivotal organisations in the Town. Catherine is a Partner at Birketts LLP (business owner) in its Ipswich office.

### **Professor Helen Langton RGN; RSCN; RCNT; RNT; BA(Hons); MSc**

Helen joined the University of Suffolk in June 2018 from the University of South Wales where she was Deputy Vice-Chancellor and a Professor in Children's Cancer Nursing Education.

Helen has held a number of senior posts in universities in the UK and has a range of experience across health and social care, science, social science and education.

Helen has been a member of several national boards and bodies including with the Nursing and Midwifery Council, Department of Health and the Quality Assurance Agency. Helen is Chair of Governors at an independent school, member of the UK Health Education Advisory Committee for the Office for Students and Research England and a trustee of East Anglia Children's Hospice.

Internationally Helen has held board membership for the Academy of Health Care Improvement, and the De Souza Nursing Institute in Toronto, Canada and is an Editor of the International Journal of Child Health Care.

### **Professor Dave Muller**

Dave is currently Chair of All About Ipswich which is the Destination Marketing Organisation for the Town. He is on the Town Board as representative of this group. Dave is a Director of Ipswich Central and a Visiting Professor of Rehabilitation Psychology at the University of Suffolk. His previous roles include Principal of Suffolk New College and Founder Chair of the Ipswich Chamber of Commerce.

### **Dr Dan Poulter MP**

Dan has been the Member of Parliament (MP) for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich since 2010 and is a former Government Health Minister. He is a practising NHS psychiatrist and has also been a visiting professor in Health Policy at Kings College London.

Dan has considerable experience in town regeneration projects and prior to becoming an MP, he was the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration on a Local Authority in Surrey. As MP for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, he helped to deliver almost £2 million of Lottery funding for North-west Ipswich to support community projects in some of the towns most deprived communities.

### **Angela Stroud**

Angela feels she brings lots of community contacts through her job as Assistant Manager at the Castle Hill Community Centre. She works for the North-West Ipswich Big Lottery Trust as an Admin Officer.

Angela was fundamental to the setting up of a local foodbank for North-west Ipswich and built key community contacts with this. She has worked at the Castle Hill Community Centre for 18 months. Prior to that, Angela was a team leader at Axa insurance for 16 years.

### **Paul West**

Paul is Councillor for Bixley Division in east Ipswich. He is the County Council Cabinet Member for Ipswich, Communities and Waste. Paul has lived in or just outside Ipswich all his life, and left school when he was sixteen to work for well-known insurance brokers Willis on a YTS placement that led to thirteen years employment. For the last twenty years Paul has run his own businesses in the town.

### **David Ralph**

David is the Heart of Southwest LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) Chief Executive. He has been in this post since June 2018 and leading place-based delivery for 30 years.

David prioritises the delivery of clean and inclusive growth. He was CEO of the Haven Gateway Partnership, working closely with stakeholders at the Port of Felixstowe, Harwich and Ipswich and BT Adastral Park. He has also been a Non-Executive Director for the East of England Tourist Board, Inspire East and chaired Innovation Martlesham for three years. David lives near Debenham in Suffolk.

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