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Board Member Profile

Peter Sass: ADSO Vice Chair

I am currently the Head of Governance for Richmond and Wandsworth Councils in South-West London; Deputy Monitoring Officer for Wandsworth Council and have 35 years' experience in numerous governance roles; mainly Democratic/Members' Services and elections/electoral registration. I've worked at all tiers of local government including a parish council.

I have supported ADSO since its inception in 2009 and believe passionately in the professionalisation of the sector. Democratic Services colleagues all over the country operate quite rightly at the centre of local authorities yet the huge amount of work we all do often goes un-noticed. ADSO has given the sector and the job I love a national profile through expert-led training, professional qualifications, the annual conference and a great website. I have held various roles within ADSO including as a trainer, regional assessor and Company Secretary. I was elected as the Vice-Chair of ADSO at the AGM in November 2019 and undertake my duties with pride.

As Vice-Chair, I look forward very much to supporting the sector as much as I can by helping colleagues to respond constructively and flexibly to the many challenges that come our way both now and in the future. I will never think that the job is done; tomorrow will bring a different challenge, which is why ADSO needs to continue to succeed for its members and the Councils we work for.