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Michelle Beaumont: ADSO Company Secretary (Joint)

I began my career in Democratic and Member services at the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames just over seven years ago and have worked for the borough for just over eight. Prior to this I spent eight years working in PR / Event based roles for a well-known brewer and pub operator – which was very different!

I have always had a keen interest in governance and local authority arrangements and being an active member of ADSO has really helped me develop. I enjoy contributing regularly to the forums, attending branch meetings and the annual conference and I am also an assessor and currently look after four candidates completing the ADSO certificate.

Most recently I have been heavily involved in delivering remote Council Committee meetings and School Appeals and have assisted over 50 local authorities with their remote meeting solutions. I am now looking at Hybrid options however my focus is likely to change in the new year as I will be leaving Richmond to join Spelthorne Borough Council as Principal Committee Manger.

I am very excited to be joining the ADSO board and look forward to doing all I can to promote its invaluable services to its members.

In my personal time I enjoy running, body pump and a regular glass of wine (for its health benefits of course!). I am also mum to a very energetic three year old who brings a lot of joy to my life.