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Chris spent the first 14 years of his working life in international finance.

He then became a Quality Manager and a General Manager before moving to IBM in an international accounting role.

Chris was first elected to Eastleigh Borough Council in 2002 and served on a scrutiny panel. As a result, he became chair of a sub group on the issue of sewerage and ended up raising the issue to such an extent that he appeared on the BBC Politics Show.

In 2003 and 2004 he served as the cabinet member for partnerships developing the partnering of EBC with the private and public sector.

In 2005 and 2006 he served as the cabinet member for economic development, bringing "Meet the Buyer" to Eastleigh and starting business conferences with EBC.

In 2006, he was also the Chair of the Local Area Committee, which due to devolved budgets also acts as a scrutiny panel in its own right.