

Eddie Gibson - National Senior Account Manager, Local Communities and Housing, Crown Commercial Service



Biography

Eddie is an accomplished, CIPS-qualified commercial professional with experience of UK and international supply chains, including category management for several major retailers, working with budgets of over £100M per annum. In 2006, Eddie moved into the local government sector and, from 2009 onwards, established himself as a leading figure in local government procurement through his regional roles at Improvement East and the East of England LGA. During that time, he sat on the LGA's National Advisory Group for Local Government Procurement and contributed to the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in both 2014 and 2018. Since 2020, Eddie has been at Crown Commercial Service and is now their National Senior Account Manager for Local Communities and Housing, helping to ensure that current and future commercial solutions developed by CCS are fit for purpose and to meet relevant local government service priority and policy needs.

David Bemrose - Head of Account Strategy for Local Communities and Housing Sector, Crown Commercial Service



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David is an experienced strategic relationship leader and commercial professional with a career spanning almost 40 years working across both the private and public sector. Since 2008, David has operated exclusively in the public sector working across local government, education and health sectors and, from 2011, was the strategic lead for YPO's founder members in local government and took a lead role for member and strategic officer relationships. During that time David set up and managed the membership development programme for YPO which resulted in the introduction of their Associate Membership structure onboarding over 70 new councils and other public sector organisations. Since 2019, David has been at Crown Commercial Service and is now their Head of Account Strategy for Local Communities and Housing ensuring that the sector's priorities are at the forefront of the CCS future sector strategy and commercial support delivery and has recently led the way on several key sector capability investments funded by CCS.