

IMPOWER

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IMPOWER announces new Chief Executive, Sean Hanson

IMPOWER announces the appointment of Sean Hanson as their new CEO effective from 8th August 2022. Sean takes over from Martin Cresswell, who has been integral in the leadership of IMPOWER since 2007.

An experienced leader in the sector, Sean's most recent role as Chief Executive of Local Partnerships, an organisation providing professional support and advice and facilitating change across the public sector, has uniquely equipped him to lead and deliver IMPOWER's strategy and vision. His 30-year career spans a number of key roles working in and with the public sector, including at Serco, Mouchel and London Borough of Camden and he has a real understanding of the complexity and potential in public services.

Commenting on Sean Hanson's appointment, Chair of IMPOWER, Quentin Baer, said:

"On behalf of the board, I am delighted to welcome Sean Hanson to IMPOWER. We were extremely impressed by Sean and are confident that he is well suited to build on IMPOWER's strong foundations and take advantage of the significant opportunities that are opening up to the Company. IMPOWER believes that a better public sector is the cornerstone of a better society; it is committed to supporting organisations to address the challenges of complexity and overcome barriers to improvement using cutting-edge tools and insights. This aligns strongly with Sean's passion, experience and goals and we believe that under his leadership the organisation will thrive and grow while continuing to demonstrate its commitment to improving the lives of citizens.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Martin Cresswell for his dedication and contribution to IMPOWER and look forward to continuing our close relationship with him in his role as a non executive director on the board."

Sean Hanson, Chief Executive of IMPOWER said:

"It has never been more important to enable and supercharge the ability of public service leaders to improve lives by overcoming the complex challenges they face. IMPOWER knows that not only is it possible to produce lasting, positive change, but that it can be done in a way which saves money, allowing it to be reinvested in the services which are needed most.

I am extremely passionate about IMPOWER's mission and values, and I look forward to working with our talented and dedicated team as we continue supporting those who deliver public services to improve performance and sustain positive change, leaving them more resilient to future challenges.

It is a privilege to be part of an organisation which goes above and beyond to improve the societies in which we operate and is deeply committed to enhancing the pivotal role public services play in our communities. I look forward to building on this vital work."

About Sean Hanson

Sean has worked in and with the UK public sector for over 30 years. He joined Local Partnerships in 2016 from Serco after a period as Managing Director of Citizen Services. Early in his career, Sean spent twelve years at Camden Council followed by spells at Fareham Council, Liberata, HBS/Mouchel, then Serco, and now six years at Local

Partnerships. Sean is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and also holds a qualification from the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation.

At Local Partnerships, Sean concentrated on the development of a broader range of strategic propositions, focused on efficiency for the public sector in England and Wales. In addition to providing executive leadership to the organisation, he was an independent advisor, specialising in commercial negotiations, governance, and reorganisation.

In 2019, Sean was appointed as one of five non-executive advisors to Birmingham City Council. Sean will continue his role as a member of Wirral Council's Improvement Panel.

Sean is a Trustee and Chair of Education Support, the UK's only charity providing mental health and wellbeing support services to all education staff and organisations.

Originally from Northern Ireland, Sean has lived in and around London since 1983. He is an avid supporter and has been a season-ticket holder of Arsenal FC since 1993. He is passionate about music, dance, and the arts.

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Attached: Sean Hanson Headshot