

**Brief Resume:** John Livesey

**Current Role:** Managing Director of Bolton Cares Ltd, a large and profitable local authority trading company.

**Experience:** 25 years' local government experience in the North West including at Lancashire, Blackpool, and Bolton. Senior roles in Education, Children's, and Adult Services, including 10 years' as an Assistant Director and 12 months as acting Director of People.

Examples of successful work include:

- Creating a local authority trading company and successfully transferring a council's adult social care services to the business. The company has grown through successful bids for new work and now has an annual turnover of £16.5m and 700 employees.
- Engagement in key partnerships, e.g. Community Partnership, Children's Trust, Health & Wellbeing Board, Local Education Partnership, Leisure Trust, Sports & Physical Activity Alliance, Safeguarding Executive and Disability Partnership.
- Management of school capital programme, including new build academy and free school developments, successful primary school expansions and school building maintenance.
- Coordination of an Adult and Children's Services commissioning programme of over 300 contracts with a combined value of £45m.
- Leadership of a £25m programme of savings and efficiencies, successfully delivering 30+ service restructuring, redesign, and efficiency projects.
- Management of a broad range of council services including HR, Finance, ICT, Information Management, Policy & Partnerships, Asset Management, External Funding, Quality Assurance, School Admissions & Transport, Youth Services, Sports Development and more.

**Education:** Born and brought up in Audley and Queens Park, attended Shadsworth High School and Blackburn College. Completed an honours degree and PhD in geography and earth sciences at the University of Leeds before working as a research scientist at the University of Birmingham.

**Skills:**

- Comfortable operating in a sensitive political environment and working closely with elected members, council officers and representatives of commercial and voluntary organisations.
- Strategic planning, policy development and performance management.
- Excellent commercial understanding gained whilst building and developing Bolton Cares.
- Excellent financial and budget management skills, in both local government and commercial contexts.
- Great communication skills. An experienced public speaker and meeting chair. Good negotiation and influencing skills. Written communication skills are a strength.
- Excellent programme and project management and coordination skills. PRINCE II qualified.
- Capital programme and project management.
- Public consultation, marketing, and communications.
- Local government and commercial bid writing experience.
- Advanced ICT skills.
- Self-motivated and able to get up and running on new projects very quickly.

**Resides:** Blackburn with Darwen. Lives locally near Ewood.

**Available:** October 2020.