

Steve Hollis

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Career summary

NON EXECUTIVE CAREER

2002 - 2005 Industrial Development Advisory Board

2005 - 2007 Sport England

2009 - 2013 EC Harris Limited

2013 - 2016 Arcadis NV

2010 -2017 Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP

2013 - date Birmingham Metropolitan College

2013 - date Scottish American Capital LLP

2013 - date Sorbus Partners LLP

2013 - date GSHW Limited

2017 - date Bericote Properties Limited

2018 - date University of Birmingham Business School

2018 - date HS2 Growth Development Board

EXECUTIVE CAREER

1982 - 2013 KPMG

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

2014 - date Deputy Lieutenant for the County of the West Midlands

PERSONAL

Steve is a native of New Zealand. Married to Jane with two grown up children James and Emma. Hobbies include watching most sports and playing golf and tennis. Fine wine and good food is a passion.

Career history

Industrial Development Advisory Board **2002 - 2005**

Appointed for a three year term to IDAB

Sport England **2005 - 2007**

Appointed for a two year term to Sport England

EC Harris Limited **2009 - 2013**

EC Harris was a long standing property project management business with offices throughout the UK. Appointed as the Senior Independent Non Executive served the Board culminating in the acquisition of the business by Arcadis NV

Arcadis NV Advisory Board **2013 - 2016**

Following the acquisition of EC Harris by Arcadis NV served as Chair of the Arcadis NV Advisory Board with a particular focus on post acquisition integration of the EC Harris UK business

Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP **2010 - 2017**

At the request of the then Secretary of State Eric Pickles joined the newly formed Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP as the Deputy Chair with a specific focus on the development of a

strategic plan for the Greater Birmingham Region. This work commenced with the agreement of City Deals and culminated in 2016 with the Greater Birmingham Strategic Economic Plan that resulted in a settlement from Government of over £360m. This was the largest ever settlement to the Greater Birmingham Region and set the platform for the devolution agenda which saw the creation of the West Midlands Combined Authority in 2017.

In 2010 the Greater Birmingham Region was the economic laggard by any measure in the UK having seen the full effect of the previous decades UK deindustrialisation agenda and the worst effects of the 2008 financial crash. Roll forward to 2019 and the Greater Birmingham Region is now one of the most vibrant regional economies in the UK

Birmingham Metropolitan College **2013 - 2019**

Birmingham Metropolitan College is the largest FE provider in Birmingham serving the further education needs for over 20,000 students. Steve was appointed Chair in 2013.

Scottish American Capital LLP **2013 - date**

Scottish American Capital is a fast growing disrupter in the US insurance underwriting sector headquartered in Dallas Texas with offices throughout the States. Appointed a non executive director in 2013.

Sorbus Partners LLP **2013 - date**

Sorbus Partners LLP is a disrupter in the wealth management sector and works with a number of HNW families. Appointed Chairman in 2013 and in addition to full discretionary fund management Sorbus Partners is retained to execute "special projects" most of which are confidential but have included for example Charing and leading the sale in 2016 of Aston Villa Football Club for a wealthy US family.

GSHW Limited **2013 - date**

GSHW Limited is a disrupter in the university student property sector and operates across the UK. Appointed Chairman in 2013.

Bericote Properties Limited **2017 - date**

Bericote Properties Limited specialise in the development of bespoke facilities for dot.com distribution and manufacturing businesses in the UK. Privately owned Bericote is one of the largest providers of distribution facilities in the UK.

University of Birmingham Business School 2018 - date

Appointed as Chairman in 2018.

HS2 Growth Delivery Board 2018 - date

The HS2 Growth Delivery Board oversees the devolution of £4.4bn from Government for the promotion of economic growth activities from the construction of HS2. Appointed Chair in 2018.

KPMG 1982 - 2013

Joined the Birmingham Office of what is now KPMG initially specialising in global audit and then corporate mergers and acquisitions (qualifying as a Chartered Tax Practitioner). Appointed Partner in the UK firm in 1988 and then served executive roles for KPMG Boards in the UK, Europe and EMA retiring from the firm in 2013. Having worked with the firm and for clients on all continents Steve developed a deep understanding of the multicultural dynamics needed to broker successful cross border transactions and specialised in this area for the global firm and for clients of KPMG.