



Ipswich Borough Council

United Kingdom

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Dear Colleagues,

I am presenting myself for election as Chair of the Current Affairs Committee. A member of the Congress since 2017, I have played an active role in committee, missions and as a thematic spokesperson. I am leader of the UK delegation having taken over this role after the retirement of my good friend John Warmisham. I would very much like the opportunity of working with you all on the vital agenda of the Current Affairs Committee. Local authorities and their representatives are faced with great challenges at present and we can support and promote their work. I would be proud to be Chair and look forward to speaking and working with you all.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Bryony Rudkin'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cllr Bryony Rudkin

Deputy Leader, Ipswich Borough Council

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Deputy Leader Ipswich Borough Council (2015-present)**

First elected to Ipswich Borough Council in 2008; currently Deputy Leader (since 2011)

### **Member, Congress of the Council of Europe, (2017-present)**

Appointed by Local Government Association as full member of British delegation, Member of Monitoring Committee

### **Member, Suffolk County Council (1997-2017)**

Leader of Council (2003-05), Portfolio Holder (1999-2005), Leader of Opposition (2005-09), shadow spokesperson (2005-15)

### **Regional Lead Peer, Labour Group, Local Government Association (2002-present)**

A wide-ranging role focusing on sector-led improvement via peer reviews, negotiation and liaison with national government, diagnostic and intervention work with individual councils and groups, mentoring and coaching, presentations at conferences and training events in the UK, the Balkans and South Africa.

### **Shared Service Architecture (2014-present)**

Associate trainer/facilitator for LGA Leadership training programme

### **Board Member, East of England Development Agency (2001-08)**

## **PROFILE**

Experienced councillor with a well-established local, regional and national profile. A respected track record of working with politicians of all parties and at all levels and with council officers and civil servants in local authorities throughout the UK and beyond, including those with the most challenging political circumstances. A reflective practitioner, currently undertaking a PhD at the Institute of Local Government (INLOGOV), University of Birmingham, I am passionate about capturing learning and understanding from my experience as an elected politician.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- INLOGOV, University of Birmingham, PhD candidate (part time), 2015 to date: How councillors perform in meetings: A case study of policy making in UK local government. Supervisors: Dr Stephen Jeffares, Dr Karin Bottom.
- INLOGOV, University of Birmingham, MSc (Distinction), Local Policy and Politics, 2014
- Swansea University, BA (Hons), Politics, 1984

## **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

- Co-presented with Catherine Mangan and Karin Bottom at Public Administration Committee Conference, Nottingham, September 2017, "We're all officers now: Entrepreneurial Councillors in English Local Government".
- INLOGOV, University of Birmingham/Centre for Public Scrutiny (2016-present): Co-delivery on training/development for councillors and officers
- INLOGOV, University of Birmingham (2016) taught on MSc, Local Government and Public Policy