

CPMS welcomes Ben Howlett as its Non-Executive Director

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Ben Howlett has been revealed as CPMS Non-Executive Director.

Ben is joining the CPMS team to work closely with the advisory board in a consulting capacity and support the exciting growth plans of the business.

Before joining CPMS, Ben was MP for Bath (2015 to 2017) and the first man to serve on the Member of the Women and Equalities Select Committee, a committee of the House of Commons established in 2015 to assess the work of the Government Equalities Office. Prior to taking a role in Parliament, Ben worked alongside the wider public sector and the NHS to provide consultancy support and supported the Transport Policy team at the Conservative Party Research Department. Ben is the Managing Director of Dorson West, a publishing company and policy institute Public Policy Projects, an organisation offering practical analysis and development in public policy reform, a role he will continue whilst being a Non-Executive Director role at CPMS.

Of his new appointment, Ben said: "I am tremendously excited to join CPMS as a Non-Executive Director. CPMS is a successful SME with a proven track record of delivering high quality project management

solutions to the UK rail sector. It also boasts over 50% women employees and no gender pay gap and therefore has an extraordinary story to tell the rest of the sector. As the first male MP on the UK Parliament's Women and Equalities Select Committee, diversity is very important to me and I am very much looking forward to working with such a dynamic and exciting team for many years to come."

Mat Baine, Managing Director said: "Ben is perfect to support our business growth. He closely shares our company values and understands the benefits of diversity, having sat on the Women and Equalities Select Committee for 2 years."

CPMS was established in 2012 by four individuals with a combined project delivery experience of 80 years. The company started as a specialist business in the management of Overhead Line projects and quickly became a lead supplier in this field. It then diversified into a multi discipline organisation and is now offering professional services in seven areas: Enterprise Asset Management, Commercial, Safety, Assurance and Environment, Programme and Project Management, Engineering and Construction, Design, through to Project Controls and Governance.

CPMS prides itself on working collaboratively with each customer, providing rail expertise and ongoing support throughout each phase of the project cycle, thus delivering efficient and cost-effective outcomes.

CPMS is also, at its core, a people business where employees are recognised as a crucial and integral asset to the success of the business. The company takes time to understand, support and develop each employee, fostering inclusion throughout each grade and role.

CPMS openly champions gender balance, diversity and inclusion and is proud to count a 55% female workforce (against an average of 16% in UK rail).

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