

David Collins - Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer

David joined the One Voice Wales team in January 2024. He supports our internal governance structure and is responsible for developing policy practice guidance which will be of great value to councils. David brings a wealth of local government and Third Sector experience to the role of Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer.

David enjoyed a long career with both Cardiff and Newport City Councils, working in areas such as committee administration, policy development and legal services. The local government modernisation agenda saw David develop into the role of Chief Scrutiny Officer, where his analytical skills helped deliver solutions to a range of strategic and operational challenges.

In 2012, David became Clerk to the Council at Cwmbran Community Council, before transferring to Radyr & Morganstown Community Council in 2022. David said, "I believe that my experience as a Clerk to local councils of different sizes across South Wales will help me provide a quality service to One Voice Wales and its members. My wider understanding of the Welsh social, political, economic, and cultural landscape will also help us identify and disseminate best practice across the sector."

Away from the workplace, David has volunteered with the charity Christian Aid for many years and brings his understanding of the voluntary sector to his role at One Voice Wales. David is also a season ticket holder at Cardiff City FC and has written several books on football and other topics. These days he is a regular in the press box where his colourful match reports describe the fortunes of our Welsh football teams.