

## **Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee**

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#### **Nicholas Bennett: pen portrait**

Nicholas has spent the majority of his career within the public sector. His early career had a strong focus on policy and economic development which culminated in his appointment as a Cabinet Special Advisor in 2000. He remained in post for a further two years before deciding to establish his own economic development and public affairs consultancy.

He joined Community Housing Cymru as their Group Chief Executive in 2006. Under his leadership, the Housing Association has quadrupled its turnover, transforming a loss-making organisation into a profitable one.

In addition to his executive roles, Nicholas has held a number of non-executive roles such as Member of; OFCOM Advisory Committee, Welsh Language Board and Glas Cymru. More recently Nicholas has been appointed to the Co-operative and Mutuals Commission and the "Williams" Public Services Commission.