

NIKI HOWARD

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY



Niki joined local government 28 years ago in the Treasury Department at Leicester City Council as a Finance Clerk. She moved upwards through a variety of Finance roles completing her CIPFA exams along the way, and joined the police service in October 2006 as Director of Finance (now Chief Finance Officer) for Cambridgeshire Constabulary, which carries the rank of ACPO. This was her third role in the position of Director for a public organisation.

Her remit today covers Financial Services, Procurement, Stores, Fleet, Facilities & Estates, Business Support and Insurance Services. Procurement and Stores are a 3 Force remit across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for which she is the lead. She regularly goes out to the policing front line because understanding the problems and pressures officers face helps her to ensure that the budget is going to the right areas of business.

Between September 2013 and May 2014 she also held the role of Acting Chief Finance Officer for the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and currently holds the National Police Portfolio for Sponsorship, Charging and Income.

She has been a syndicate director for the Senior Leadership Programme with the College of Policing since January 2011 and undertake 3 courses per year in this role for the college as well as assisting with the design of PNAC courses. In February 2014 she was a Syndicate Director of the Strategic Command Course.

She is currently taking part in our Force mentoring scheme as a Mentor.