

Hon. Dr Corinda Essex Biography

Hon. Dr Corinda Essex has served as a Member of Legislative Council since March 2014, and previously from 1992 -1995 when she resigned her seat to take up the role of St Helena Government UK Representative.

On her return to St Helena in 1997, she held the post of Education Officer for two years before being promoted to the role of Chief Development Officer (later re-designated as Director of Corporate Procurement) which she held until retirement from the public service in 2013.

During this period, she acted as Chief Secretary on several occasions.

She has been a Member of the Public Accounts Committee for eight years and Chairs the Select Committee established to scrutinise the Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio and the Safety Security and Home Affairs Portfolio.

She is also the representative for Alarm Forest electoral area. Before the change to Ministerial governance, Dr Essex was Deputy Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and a Member of the Education Committee. She has also served as a non-Executive Director on a number of Statutory Boards and as a Member of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority.

Dr Essex owns a retail business and is the President of the St Helena Chamber of Commerce.

She holds Degrees awarded by the University of Bristol at Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral level, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Management and a Member of the British Psychological Society.

She also completed programme management training delivered by UNDP and the EU which supported her roles as National Director for UNDP and as EU Territorial Authorising Officer for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

Dr Essex believes that "Saints" are the Island's most valuable asset and that sustainable development cannot be achieved without their input, skills and commitment.