

Christopher Brereton OBE – Welsh Food Advisory Committee member

Outlines the professional history and qualifications of our Welsh Food Advisory Committee members.

Chris retired as Chief Environmental Health Officer for Welsh Government in October 2019.

In that time, he supported policy on:

- Environmental public health including food safety
- Health protection
- Health improvement
- Public health legislative development including the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act
- Environmental hazards, emergency response and communicable disease

Chris's career initially developed in England, qualifying as an Environmental Health Officer (EHO) in London and gaining further qualifications in pollution control, health and safety and business management (MBA). He initially worked in as an EHO in Essex undertaking environmental health inspection and enforcement, including in food safety and meat inspection. Chris moved to Wales in 1982 to join Cardiff Council as an EHO before going on to strategic management posts at Director level. Prior to joining Welsh Government in 2006 he was responsible for delivering all the functions of Environmental Health and Public Protection including Food Safety, Port Health, Public Analyst, Infectious Disease, Licensing, Pollution Control, Pest Control, Emergency Planning and Strategic Management Services. Chris has over 40 years professional experience, 30 years of which have been at a strategic level.

He has a considerable track record of engaging with the public, professionals and politicians at all levels to influence policy.

Personal interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

- Environmental Health Practitioner

Fee-paid work

- None

Shareholdings

- None

Clubs and other organisations

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
- Member of the Triumph Sports Six Club
- Member of the South Wales Classic Car Club

Other personal interests

- None

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

- None

Indirect support

- None

Trusteeships

- None

Land and property

- Owns own home in Vale of Glamorgan

Other public appointments

- None

Other non-personal interests

- None