SUMMARY

Chris joined Regeneris as a Senior Consultant in 2016, having managed a programme of digital investment and strategy on behalf of Buckinghamshire Business First for over four years. Prior to this, he amassed considerable experience in Local Government and the public sector, focusing on economic development-based project management, policy and strategy design, whilst also gaining expertise in the digital, rural and creative industries sectors. He has subsequently managed a variety of work at Regeneris, across the UK. This includes economic impact assessment, evaluation, strategy, policy and business case development.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Chris has significant expertise in the field of technology and digital infrastructure, including significant engagement with the private sector. This spans a multitude of activity from research, contract management, the development of investment strategies, undertaking complex data-based need assessments, evolving policy, detailed marketplace consultations and ensuring necessary State aid compliance. Chris recently managed the West of England Digital Study, European Regional Development Fund applications for clients in Cheshire, whilst also supporting large-scale investment in Buckinghamshire and West Yorkshire.

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

Chris has extensive experience in managing projects which have sought to support the employment and skills agenda. This incudes the creation of an Employment and Skills Strategy in Western Dorset, where he established a strategic framework and action plan, predicated on a robust evidence. Chris has considerable experience of socio-economic and skills-related data, analysis and the capturing of meaningful qualitative insights. Chris has had significant success in delivering these projects in the context of complex partnerships, working alongside a variety of stakeholders including government agencies, universities and colleges.

ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND VISIONS

For nine years, Chris worked in economic development and regeneration in Buckinghamshire. This included significant policy and strategy work, evidence-based research, analysis and evaluation of economic outcomes. Since joining Regeneris, Chris has worked on a number of relevant projects, including the refresh of Leicester and Leicestershire LEP's Strategic Economic Plan, the creation of economic visions for Enterprise M3's Enterprise Zone and the development of a new Economic Strategy in Redbridge.

ECONOMIC IMPACT, FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND EVALUATION

Chris has been involved in projects that seek to evaluate economic impact, at national, regional and local levels. This has involved the development of Five Case Model Business Plans to secure investment in Higher Education institutions. He has also been involved in projects which evaluate and design public sector financial instruments to support SMEs, such as work recently commissioned in Kent and Medway and the evaluation of business case submissions in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

PERSONAL PROFILE

- Hatch Regeneris, Senior Consultant, 2018—Present
- Regeneris Consulting, Senior Consultant, 2016 - 2018
- Buckinghamshire Business First, Broadband Programme Manager, 2011 - 2016
- Buckinghamshire County Council, Economic Development Project Manager, 2008 - 2011
- Buckinghamshire County Council, Career Grade Regeneration Officer, 2006—2008

QUALIFICATIONS

- University of Warwick: Masters of Business Administration (2014)
- University of Sheffield: Town Planning and Landscape Architecture (2002)
- Other: Qualifications held in Business Management, Project Management, Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply