

CHAIRMAN CHEMICALS CLUSTER GROUP (RDA Private-Public Sector)

Ability to integrate into the client company

As a leading member of the Chemicals Industry in the region he was instrumental in securing the Chemicals Sector as one of 5 initial sectors chosen as prime economic drivers for the region from 16 Regional Innovation Strategy Boards; persuasively demonstrating that whilst the Chemicals Sector did not create a large number of jobs, its Capital Investment was massive, and the support of a highly skilled contractor workforce ensured it's contribution was widespread and significant.

Chemicals is the largest manufacturing sector in Yorkshire and contributes 10% to the UK Chemical Sector. It turns over £8 bn pa and directly employs over 24,000 people in c 450 chemical companies.

Impact on business/bottom line

He brought huge credibility to our works with the Chemicals Cluster.

Without his guidance and strategic intervention we would not have made the progress within the Chemicals Industry that we have.

Overall contribution/Achievement of objectives

Many of the ideas and projects the RDA are now pursuing and investing in, are a direct result of his leadership of the Advisory Group.

Working Style

A quietly influential figure who convinced many suffering from Govt Initiative Fatigue that the RDA could deliver change. from SME's to Multinationals. However in public a convincing and energetic proponent of the positive aspects of the RDA and it's policies.

Leadership/ People Management Skills

He was proposed by DTI to the RDA as Chairman and the fact that we have got some exciting and innovative projects off the blocks and there is a degree of goodwill, belief and commitment in by the players in the industry to work with us – a lot of this has come because he championed the RDA with his peers and he believed that we could make a difference

Any other comments about the Interim Manager

I hope we have the chance to work together again in the future.

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