

## Speaker Biographies – Investing through Covid Roundtable

### Gerald Wellesley

**Trustee Director – PSGS Ltd**



Gerald is a Professional Trustee and is a Client Director of PS Governance Services a leading UK provider of pension governance services. He has over 35 years experience in the finance industry including 15 years as a pension trustee.

His current portfolio of trusteeships includes Chair and solo and subcommittee positions with a variety of DB and DC schemes including trusteeship of three DC Master Trusts and one IGC membership. His areas of particular focus are investment and sponsor covenant understanding.

He was previously at BNY Mellon where he was Head of the UK and European pensions industry where BNY Mellon is a leading provider of services to schemes globally through its asset management and asset servicing businesses.

### Andy Cheseldine

**Professional Trustee – Capital Cranfield**



Andy joined Capital Cranfield Trustees in 2017.

Before joining Capital Cranfield, Andy acted as adviser to trustees and employers at Watson Wyatt, Hewitt Bacon & Woodrow and latterly as a partner at LCP.

He was appointed as Chair of Trustees to the Smart Pension Master Trust followed by The Lewis Workplace Pension Trust, BOC RSP, The Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank DC Scheme and Mizuho International DB Scheme. He also acts as co-Trustee for HSBC's master trust, the Vodafone DC Scheme and the PMI DB scheme.

He was elected to the DC Council of the PLSA between 2013 and 2018 and now sits on the Pension Quality Mark Standards Committee, the DC Asset Security Working Group and PASA's DC Governance Group.

### Andrew Stephens

**Investment Specialist - BA Pensions**



Andrew works as an Investment Specialist within BA Pensions.

He has previously worked in Ernst and Young's Pensions Advisory team and at Mercer where he advised trustees of defined benefit schemes on their pensions and investment arrangements. In his previous role he worked as an Investment Consultant in Willis Towers Watson's advisory team helping trustees and corporates with their UK DB schemes investment issues, covering investment strategy, regulations, asset allocation, funding and risk management across a spectrum of client sizes and complexity.

Andrew studied Mathematics at the University of Manchester and is a qualified Actuary.

## Neil Mason

### **Strategic Finance Manager - Surrey County Council**



Neil is Strategic Finance Manager at Surrey County Council with responsibility for the Surrey Pension Fund.

He leads the team that has been shortlisted for Team of the Year in the 2020 Public Finance Awards. Along with its 10 partner funds, Surrey is part of the Border to Coast asset pool. Transitioning of assets moves on a pace and continues to be an exciting and challenging project with an outstanding pooling partner and Fund peers.

Neil is the independent member of the Local Pension Board of the London Borough of Hounslow and a member of the PLSA Policy Board and LG Committee;

he also chairs the London pension officers group. Neil has twin sons who are currently taking their A levels; for 17 year olds social isolation from their Dad is a busman's holiday.