

## **Stephen Wheeler**

### **Proposed Board Member**

Steve began his career as a Trainee Manager at Sainsburys in 1980. After 4 years he moved into the publishing world in the Advertising Department of a Regional Newspaper Group. He became the Sales Manager and was responsible for around £4m of advertising revenue. In 1993, he moved to a Promotional Services company and worked with Gillette, P & G and Kelloggs on multi million pound sampling projects. He returned to the publishing industry in 1998 as the General Manager of Southern Newspapers covering the South Coast of England. He had responsibility for 70 office based staff and over 4000 field based employees. During this time Steve oversaw major change management projects as the publishing industry changed and he delivered savings of over £10m pa.

Since 2015, Steve has been working as a consultant for Patoss across the Business, Finance and HR areas. He has focussed on accounts and ensuring that income and costs are tightly managed. He produces the budgets and liaises with all departments in the business as well as the external accountants. He has attended the finance sub-committee and board meetings as an observer since 2017 and reports on finance issues and marketing.

During his spare time, Steve likes to paddleboard, cycle and play squash as well as trying his best to look after his 7 children.