

WELCOME: Russell Mogridge is the latest non-executive director of the Southampton & Fareham Chamber of Commerce

One of the South's leading property industry professionals has been appointed to the influential board of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce.

Russell Mogridge, a director of independent commercial property consultancy Hughes Ellard, is the latest high-profile figure to join the largest independent voice of business in an advisory capacity.

He is one of 17 non-executive directors at the Chamber, which, in association with its affiliates, represents more than 2,000 businesses employing 100,000-plus people between them.

Led by Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, the Chamber's Director-General, the board regularly meets to discuss issues of 'doorstep' economic importance and, where necessary, lobby national and regional decision makers over policy.

He said: "Russell's in-depth knowledge of the commercial property market in Hampshire, and the important role it plays in the lifeblood of the local economy, is second to none.

"At one stage the UK's commercial property market was worth an estimated £710 billion, with a fair amount of that invested in our neck of the woods, helping to create jobs and prosperity.

"It also underlines Southampton's position as the largest commercial centre in the South, outside of London.

“Russell’s wealth of experience and contacts will help the Chamber deepen its understanding of this sector, which is often regarded as a barometer of how the local economy is performing.”

Russell, former chairman of the Southampton Property Association for three years, said: “The Chamber is widely recognised as the independent voice of business in the region, with a proud history of serving its members for nearly 160 years.

“I’m honoured to have been appointed and intend making a positive difference.”

Russell, who lives near Fareham and is married with two daughters, specialises in property acquisition for landlords and occupiers.

Hughes Ellard, which has offices at Ocean Village in Southampton and Cams Hall at Fareham, employs 18 staff and was established 35 years ago to become a regional force in chartered surveying.

The company’s professional services include development appraisal, search and acquisition, valuation, rent review and lease renewal, asset management, building consultancy and disposals and investment advice throughout the Solent Corridor and UK.

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