

SUMMARY



Chris is an experienced economic consultant with over 15 years experience. He has worked across a number of disciplines and holds significant knowledge of current strategic and policy drivers in the UK and London specifically. Chris leads Regeneris' place based economic strategy work and has also led on major masterplanning, transport and energy assignments. Chris has a broad technical knowhow and regularly leads impact evaluation and appraisal work, as well as developing Regeneris' approach to tracking and quantifying social value. Chris also sits on the board of the Lee Valley Leisure Trust overseeing venues in the QEOP.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Chris leads the majority of Regeneris' economic strategy work. Chris has developed strategies for Lambeth, Bexley, Stratford, Croydon, Essex, Merton, Essex, Tendring, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest. He has recently developed economic visions and action plans for Brixton, Waterloo West and Whitechapel. Chris has undertaken more targeted exercises, including work looking at enhancing the regeneration benefits of Crossrail on behalf of the GLA and specific sector strategies for Hounslow and North Kent. Chris has also provided economic strategy inputs for masterplans in Whitechapel, Woolwich, Tolworth and Hounslow Town Centre as well as leading the West Norwood and Tulse Hill Masterplan refresh.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND CULTURAL ECONOMY

Chris regularly leads our work looking at the extent and value of creative industries in London. He has previously authored the Creative Enterprise Zone strategy for Blackhorse Lane (Waltham Forest), whilst he is currently leading on a study into Creative activity in Lewisham and Tottenham's strategy to become The Mayor's Creative Enterprise Zone pathfinder. He has previously supported DCMS in the bidding process for UK City of Culture and has produced business case and impact measurement reports for major cultural attractions.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND POLICY ADVICE

Chris has provided evidence to support planning policy for local and regional government. He has advised Kent County Council on specific opportunities relating to the Low Carbon economy as well as supporting Nesta to map the UK's Games Sector. Chris has advised on the evolution of the Tech sector in East and South London, Surrey and Hampshire. Chris has undertaken a number of commercial property studies for several London boroughs and Local Enterprise Partnerships. He has advised on sector and workspace policy for a number of areas including Tower Hamlets and Brent and provided research to support the Greater Essex Economic Commission. He regularly contributes to ELR projects in London.

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SOCIAL VALUE

Chris has led on a number of major economic impact assessment and feasibility studies. He has directed a range of studies assessing the economic uplift which could be generated by improving centres in London. He has looked at social value of developments, most notably ArgentLLP at Kings Cross. His appraisals, include a major Business Case for over £1bn of improvements in Aberdeen City Centre.

PERSONAL PROFILE

- Hatch Regeneris, Director, 2018 to present
- Regeneris Consulting, Director, 2013-2018
- Lee Valley Leisure Trust, Board Member, 2014 to present
- Regeneris Consulting, Senior Consultant/Associate Director, 2006-2013
- EDAW plc, Economic Development Consultant, 2004-2006
- CSC Consultants, Consultant 2002-2004

QUALIFICATIONS

- Member of the Institute of Economic Development (MIED)
- University of Leicester, MSc, Human Geography,
- University of Leicester, BA (Social Science) Geography