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## Biographical Notes



### **Debbie Mitchell, DipPFS**

*CII President nominate*

Debbie Mitchell is a director of Aberdeen based financial planning firm, Atholl Scott Financial Services, where she was at the helm for 25 years. Before joining the firm, Debbie worked with Bowring Financial Services, part of the Marsh group, and had an excellent technical grounding during five years with Scottish Amicable.

She has been involved with the Aberdeen Institute of Insurance and Financial Planning since 2008 and served as its first female President from 2011 to 2013. She is past Chair of the North Scotland Region of the Personal Finance Society, as well as a former member of both the CII Representative Council and the Local Institute National Forum. She served as engagement board member of the CII Group from 2020 to 2024 and then as an Institute Director of the PFS until December 2025.

Debbie is married, mum to Sam and dog-mum to Chewie the Cairn Terrier. In her limited spare time, she chairs the board of trustees of North East Scotland Performing Arts, running an annual performing arts festival in Aberdeen, despite having no discernible talent.



### **Mandy Hunt, ACII, Chartered Insurer**

*CII Deputy President nominate*

Mandy is the CEO of Shape Underwriting, which is the MGA division of The Clear Group having joined the group in 2024. Prior to this Mandy spent 25 years with RSA (now Intact Insurance) working in the regional business, as the MD of the Insurance Corporation of the Channel Islands and the CUO of the Commercial Lines business. Prior to RSA, Mandy spent time broking with Willis and Heath Lambert. Mandy is also a Non Executive Director of the National Pharmacy Association's Insurance Company.

Mandy completed both her MSTI and ACII, and is a Chartered Insurer. Mandy initially supported the CII as a panel assessor and more latterly as the Chair of the CII Underwriting community board. Mandy is a strong supporter of the CII's work and has contributed to the Professional Map and the CII's paper on Vulnerability which is a cause close to her heart.

Married to Neil since 1998, we have 3 adult children as well as the family dog Trooper. Spending time with family and friends, daily dog walks to get those 10,000 steps in, swimming when there is time, and travelling are Mandy's passions. Mandy is a dedicated volunteer with the Stroke Association, supporting families, who like her own, have been affected by strokes.



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**Alex Clegg, ACII, Chartered Insurer**  
*Vice President (Local Institutes)*

As the Vice President of Local Institutes, Alex drives industry excellence by jointly overseeing the local institutes network, championing best practices, forging strong alliances between Local Institutes and the Chartered Insurance Institute, and elevating the network's profile within the insurance and financial planning sectors.

Alex's extensive involvement with The Cumbria Institute of Insurance and Financial Planning, having held every role within the local institute, provides a comprehensive understanding of local institute operations and future needs, and helps him to effectively support and guide local institutes in adapting to evolving industry demands. Alex was awarded the CII Local Institute Member of the Year in 2019.

Alex is a chartered insurer and working towards fellowship. His employment at Allianz Insurance includes roles such as Operations Enablement Manager, Senior Strategic Operations Analyst, Strategic Operations Analyst, Operational Team Leader, and Underwriter.



**Simon Lewis**  
*Chair of Nominations and Remunerations Committee, CII*

Simon joined the Board in January 2026 and chairs the Nominations & Remuneration Committee.

He brings three main areas of experience and capability. First, he is the Chair of UK Anti-Doping and has (or has recently had) a number of other relevant board-level roles: within workplace relations, professional regulation, higher education, healthcare, sports governance, and corporate charity. Second, he has (or has recently had) a number of independent regulatory roles across various sectors: within sports, healthcare, finance/business, and higher education. Third, he sits as a part-time judge (including within the field of regulation) and has practised extensively as a barrister (having specialised in relevant areas such as employment, equality, professional regulation, and public law).

He has a first-class degree from the University of Cambridge and lives in Yorkshire.