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New Citizens Advice Bureau Board Members

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Citizens Advice Epsom & Ewell has appointed three new members to its Board, all voluntary positions, who each bring valuable industry experience and strategic guidance to the charity.
Clare Brooks has joined the Board as the Company Secretary. Clare is a qualified chartered secretary and has worked in governance roles for a variety of organisations, including a large pension scheme, city fund manager and, most recently at St George's, University of London.

Simon Culhane has joined as a Trustee and is the Vice-Chair of CAEE Board. His previous roles include Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment and during his tenure the Institute grew to be a global body with over 40,000 members and delivered over 40,000 qualifications. He has worked with several blue-chip financial companies including Lloyds Bank, Deutsche Bank, in Central Government where he was deputy director of the Prime Minister's Efficiency Unit, and the NHS.

James Thornton has joined as a Trustee and is a Communications, Media and Marketing expert, specialising in healthcare. Currently Assistant Director of Communications for Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals, he has more than 20 years' experience, 13 in senior NHS and third-sector roles. Prior to joining Epsom and St Helier, James was with Healthy London Partnership, specialising in areas such as Violence Reduction, before being seconded to NHS London at the onset of covid, leading communications for the globally-renowned 'Everyone In' homeless health programme.

Lisa Davis, CEO of CAEE, said: "These new board members have already made an impact. We recently held a strategy meeting where together we identified and prioritised actions going forward. Top of the list is the need to increase capacity so that we can better serve our clients in these difficult times. This in turn requires more funding, more staff and more volunteers. We are not alone as this is the issue for many charities. However we are all optimistic about the future, we have a dedicated team of committed staff, volunteers and trustees determined to serve our community."

Image: Thornton, Culhane and Brooks

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