



## **CLAIRE PEARSALL**

Claire Pearsall has been chief of staff to a senior Conservative MP for the past 13 years and has 19 years' experience in Parliament. She spent 18 months at the Home Office as special adviser to the Minister for Immigration during the Brexit transition with responsibility for the EU Settled Status Scheme and Future Borders and Immigration planning. Claire is also a regular political commentator on Sky News, BBC News Channel, Channel 5 News, GB News, LBC, Radio 5Live and BBC regional radio programmes.

Claire was elected as a district councillor sitting on Sevenoaks District Council from May 2015 to May 2023 and held the role of vice chair of governance, ensuring the Council maintains best practice in the elections and monitoring processes.

Claire has a working knowledge of budgets and finances alongside an understanding of how the DfE functions and the requirements of education settings and the processes in place to ensure accountability of all who work there. Her work as a councillor and in Parliament means she has daily contact with the public where she has learnt to diffuse potentially volatile situations and suggest plans for working together to solve problems. Claire has chaired many meetings with outside organisations, charities, and volunteer groups and can deal with sensitive issues professionally and efficiently.