

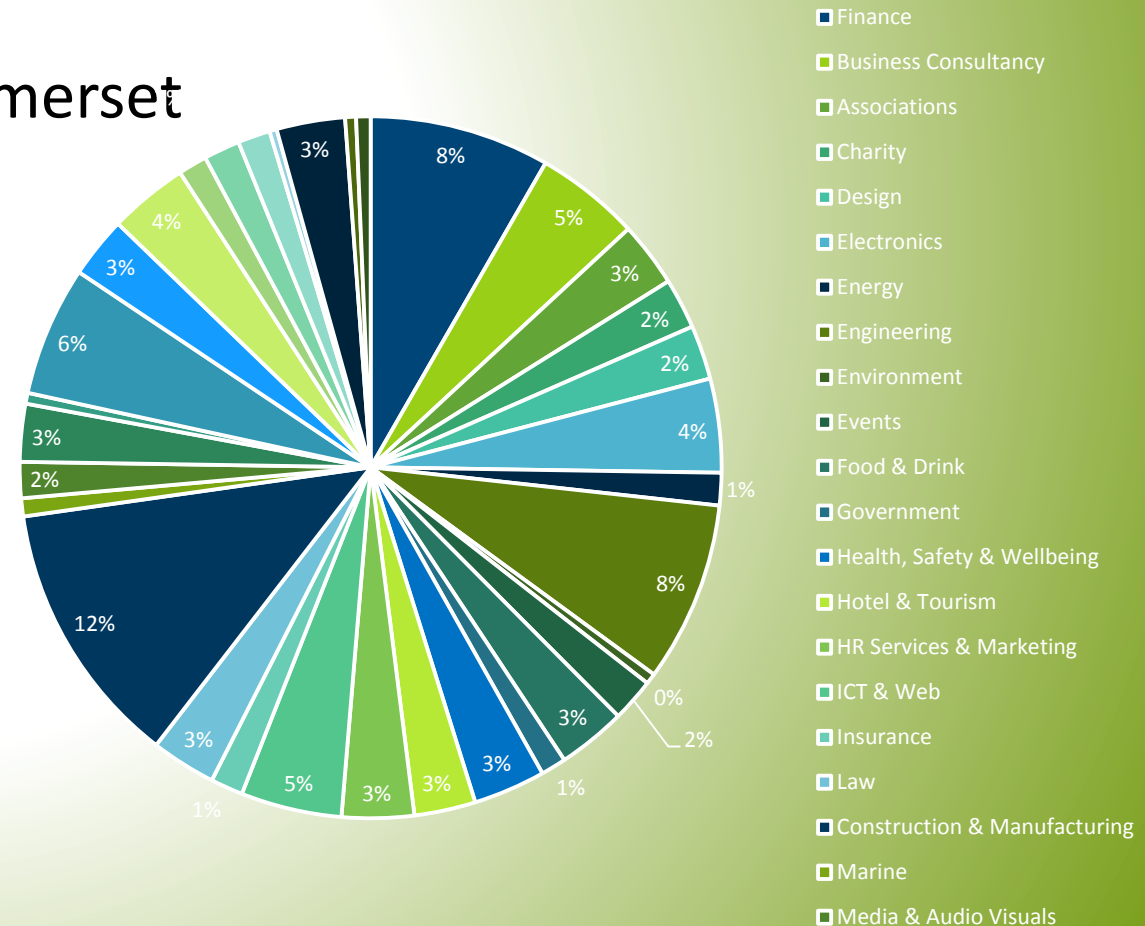
Dale Edwards,  
Somerset Chamber of Commerce  
Chief Executive.

“Focusing on the Future”

# Somerset Chamber at a Glance

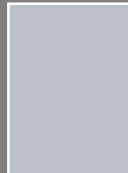
- Membership Organisation representing & working for Somerset Businesses
- Represent c2000 businesses across Somerset
- 600 members
- Accredited to the British Chambers of Commerce
- 14 Patrons
- 17 affiliated Town Chambers
- Operate as a not for dividend
- Governed by Board of Directors

Membership Sectors





**Chief Executive**  
Dale Edwards



**Service Delivery Manager**  
Jenn Chidley-Sanders



**Senior Administrator**  
Hazel Hutchison



**Local HSC Project Lead**  
Chris Langdon



**Marketing & Communications Manager**  
Carla Tier



**Membership Sales Manager**  
Alistair Tudor



**Events Manager**  
Loren Gray



**Business Liaison Officer**  
Sam Evans



**Marketing Coordinator**  
Scarlett Scott-Collins



**Business & Administration Apprentice**  
Brooke Gilbertson



**Hinkley Supply Chain Data Coordinator**  
Alan Windsor

# The Big Factors for Business... over last 6 months

- EU Referendum and implications.
- Skills agenda, developing our future talent.
- New Prime Minister and cabinet.
- Hinkley Point C.

# Business Manifesto

January 2017 – December 2019

“A catalyst to grow and support a vibrant Somerset economy”

“Connect. Influence. Grow.”

- Skills & Employment
- Business Growth & Support
- Infrastructure
- Hinkley Point C
- Devolution & Local Focus
- International Trade



# Hinkley Supply Chain

- Help EDF Energy develop a robust, safe, productive, competent supply chain for the construction phase of Hinkley Point C.
- Secure significantly more South West contracts than would have resulted without the HSC team interventions, with a target of £200 million per year during construction.
- Work to ensure appositive legacy impact of growth in competency of businesses which is evidenced and valued.
- Stimulate creation of new jobs and higher skills from both existing and new companies created.



# Influence

- Continue affiliation to the BCC in order to influence policy on a national level.
- Be at the forefront of the skills and employability agenda, by having representation and influence on activities including a university for Somerset.
- Ensure that the business voice is heard on local matters including devolution.



Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

# Communicate and Engage

- New magazine
- Somerset Pulse
- Social Media
- Upgraded Website
- How we look
- Business Manifesto

