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About

As Director of Finance, Gill Ball is responsible for the short and long-term financial planning and security of the corporate University and the Budget Centres within it. She advises the Vice-Chancellor, SPRC and Council on financial strategy and monitoring the University's achievements against that strategy. In addition, Gill works with external bodies within and outside of the HE sector. She contributes to the strategic direction and management of the University through membership of a variety of groups across the campus. She is actively engaged in a range of HE sector wide initiatives too.

Gill is responsible for the management of the Finance Office and its services.

Biography

After studying in Sheffield, Gill began her professional career in 1980. Following five years in Local Government, she joined The University of Birmingham in 1985, initially with a brief to develop financial management systems for an area of core business of the University.

After a year, her attentions were turned to developing and managing the much broader range of financial services and activities, culminating in her appointment as the Director of Finance in 1995 of one of the largest institutions in the sector.

Gill has been involved in a wide range of HE sector issues - as Secretary to the British Universities Finance Directors Group from 2002 - 2005, continues to contribute to national groups on financial sustainability, participates in a number of HEFCE working groups and works regularly with the Leadership Foundation in delivering financial training for senior staff and governors.

She was President of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) the largest global accountancy body with c 130,000 members and close to 400,000 students. This role has given her a valuable insight into governance from the non-executive perspective to contrast with the management responsibilities to governors in Birmingham.

Gill is currently a Council Member and a member of Audit Committee and Chairs the Remuneration Committee of the Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC) one of the UK Research Councils. She is also a Governor of the King Edward Foundation – Chairing its Audit Committee; two Independent Schools and a Trustee at the Guild of Students; she has served as Deputy Chair of an insurance mutual and as a member of the Audit Committee of the Economic & Social Research Council.

In the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours, Gill received an OBE for services to Higher Education.

In her spare time, Gill plays racket ball and is a keen golfer.