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Director, Head of Rating Services

Aged 49, executive director and based in the Leeds office, Robert heads the National Rating Department of Sanderson Weatherall. Born and educated in North Yorkshire, he studied General Practice Surveying in Newcastle upon Tyne before joining the Inland Revenue Valuation Office, initially at York.

After some time working in London, he returned north, initially to Harrogate Valuation Office in 1981. At Leeds Valuation Office he was then Senior Valuer in the City Centre Rating Section in charge of offices, appearing on a weekly basis at Local Valuation Courts. In 1988 he returned to the Harrogate Valuation Office to become responsible for co-ordinating a team of valuers preparing the 1990 Rating Revaluation.

Having qualified as a Professional Associate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in 1982, Robert became a fellow of the institution in 1994. He also joined the ranks of the Rating and Valuation Association (RVA) in 1989, the body later renamed the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation (IRRV). Robert sits on the national committee of The Rating Surveyor's Association, having recently been made Honorary Treasurer. He is also an original member of the Compulsory Purchase Association.

After a 10 year career in the Valuation Office, Robert joined the Leeds office of Weatherall Green and Smith as we then were in 1989 to deal with 1973 Valuation List work and promote new Rating business for the 1990 Revaluation. He now manages a national team dealing with all areas of Rating work. Robert specialises particularly in the motor trade, media premises, large industrials including printing facilities and glassworks, large offices, call centres and banking premises. He is the Rating Surveyors' Association Town Committee Group Convenor for Leeds Group VOA and chairs several town committees. He is also the Inter Bank Rating Forum representative for Leeds Group VOA.

Apart from a Rating career spanning over 25 years, he is an acknowledged expert in capital taxation and particularly compulsory purchase and compensation, assisting RICS students in their preparations for professional competency and lecturing to clients and other professionals.

When he is not working Robert enjoys spending time walking in the Yorkshire Dales with his wife and two children, "relaxing" at the gym and watching far too few Yorkshire cricket matches. He is also a cautious, but keen motorcyclist.

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