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ROGER MORRIS – BIOGRAPHY

Roger J.B. Morris was born in 1946 Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, U.K. and brought up in St. Helens, Lancashire, from where he attended Liverpool College (1955-64) and read Law at Peterhouse, Cambridge (1964-67). He was also awarded the postgraduate Cambridge LL.B. and LL.M. degrees in 1971 and 1975 respectively, and in 2015 was awarded a Ph.D. and the status of Honorary Visiting Fellow by Leicester University (which he still holds). His thesis subject was mid-Victorian local legislation, since published as *Local Government, Local Legislation* (below). He is married, with a married son, two step-children and grand-daughters.

After early career experience in local government law at St. Helens and Grimsby, in April 1981 he became Chief Executive of the City of Durham, moving in June 1986 to become Chief Executive and Town Clerk of Northampton Borough Council. He retired from there in July 2004.

Roger Morris was professionally active in local government throughout his career, and was President of the Association of District Secretaries in 1979-80, President of SOLACE in 1995-96, and also President of its trade union counterpart ALACE for some years up to 2004. He has been a member of the Law Society's Board for its Diploma of Local Government Law and Practice since its inception in 1982, and has chaired it for some twenty-five years. He still has a current Solicitor's practising certificate. In addition, he is a member of the LGA's Panel of Independent Investigators.

He has written widely, including *Parliament and the Public Libraries* (1977); *The Public Lending Right Handbook* (1980); *Solicitors and Local Authorities* (1982); *Local Government Ground Rules* (1990); (with Roger Paine) *Will You Manage? The Needs of Local Authority Chief Executives* (1995); (with Mark Heath) *Running Elections* (9th edition 2022); and *Local Government, Local Legislation: Municipal Initiative in Parliament 1858-1872* (2017).

Roger Morris was Chairman of the Corporation of Northampton College from 2005 to 2015, and was a Governor from 2000 to 2017; he was also Chair of the Association of Colleges Governors' Council (and the elected member for the East Midlands Region) from 2009 to 2014; he is a Trustee of the Victoria County History Trust for Northamptonshire; and since 2004 has been a Consultant for the Association of Local Authority Chief Executives (ALACE). He was awarded an OBE for services to Further Education in the 2014 Birthday Honours.

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