

Brief CV

KEN COOPER

Investment and Portfolio Management Directorate, Department of Trade and Industry, United Kingdom.

2005 – on: Head of SME Fund Investment and Portfolio Management. Responsible for the establishment of the UK Government's Enterprise Capital Funds and the management of its involvement in other equity gap funds.

2004- 2005: Head of Policy, Equity Finance. Developing and improving the Governments' relationship with and monitoring of its SME fund investments. Responsible for UK Government policy on equity finance schemes.

2001 – 2004: Assistant Director, Access to Finance. Responsible for UK Government policy on access to finance schemes. Developed the DTI's Early Growth Funds (six 'business angel' co investment funds and a mezzanine fund) and Investment Readiness demonstration projects.

1994 - 2000 Other relevant Department of Trade and Industry experience

Resource Manager – advising on the value for money of various Government initiatives. Developing scheme evaluation criteria as well as evaluating ad hoc proposals.

State aid policy advisor – advising on State aid aspects of various Grant and other support schemes.

Other relevant interests

Director of the British Business Angels Association

Research and Evaluation commissioned/developed:

A Mapping Study of Venture Capital Provision to SMEs in England

Almeida Capital Oct 2005

Evaluation of the Investment Readiness Demonstration Projects and Fit4Finance
SQW June 2004

Bridging the Finance Gap HMG 2003

Barriers to Intermediation PKF Feb 2004

Evaluation of the National Business Angels Network ECOTEC 2003

Early Assessment of the Company Rescue Scheme Pilots York 2003