



Malcolm Harbour CBE

Biography 2019

Member of the European Parliament for the West Midlands from 1999 to 2014. Served on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee as leader of the Conservative Centre Right Group (2004-2009) and Chairman (2009-2014). For 12 years Vice President of the Science and Technology Foresight Panel. Key player on policy and legislation in the single market, manufacturing industry, the digital economy, research and consumer protection. Participated in Missions to Japan, the USA, China and India. In 2013, awarded a CBE for services to the UK economy.

Did not contest the 2014 European elections. Now a Member of the Governing Council of the University of Birmingham, Senior Adviser to the European Policy Centre and global advisory firm Teneo. Honorary Member of the European Internet Forum, Director of the Digital Policy Alliance. Since 2016, leading an innovation project for UK Local Government, first report published in September 2017. Since 2019, Associate with Connected Places Catapult focusing on strategic procurement.

Before EU politics, spent 32 years in the motor industry, starting at BMC Longbridge as a graduate apprentice in 1967, then holding posts in engineering and product planning. From 1979 senior roles in strategy, marketing and sales. In 1989, founded car market research consultants Harbour Wade Brown, followed by the International Car Distribution Programme in 1992, and the 3DayCar Project in 1998.

Graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge and Aston University. Married to Penny for 50 years, they have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. They live in Henley-in-Arden but retain strong connections with Solihull, where they lived from 1972 to 2014. Committee Member of Solihull Chandos Choir, Trustee of Armonico Consort, CBSO Patron.