



Karl Thurogood was co-opted onto the Board of Directors on 26th March 2009 and will formally stand for election at the AGM in December 2009. If elected, his term of office will be for three years. Since joining the Board of Directors Karl has successfully studied for and achieved a Foundation Certificate for Credit Union Directors, awarded by the *ifs School of Finance*.

Karl is a serving Police Sergeant with Greater Manchester Police and is a full time Federation Official, specialising in pensions, ill health retirements and work related injuries. Prior to joining the Police Karl served in the Army with the Intelligence Corps.

During his police career, Karl has worked at Wigan, Leigh, North & South Manchester, Rochdale, and Force Headquarters. Karl has general knowledge in the ICT field, which he uses to good effect in his Police and Credit Union roles. He is currently undertaking a Diploma in Management Studies to enhance his business and managerial skills for the betterment of himself and the bodies he represents.

Karl is married and lives in Wigan with his wife and two daughters. His hobbies are DIY, keep fit, computing and spending time with his young family – when he is not studying!

Karl believes that his contribution as a board member is to encourage sound governance by encouraging the implementation of good business practices and policies that are cascaded throughout all levels of the organisation. He has been a credit union member for over 22 years and he intends to ensure that the Boards governance is of the highest standard, consistent with our roots as a mutual society and continue growth and excellent service to the members.