

## Election Statement for Mike Bishop September 2022

I am a successful Director in the business world with a passion for Table Tennis. I want Table Tennis in this Country to be played and loved at all levels led by successful elite players on the international circuit. My vision is for a Table Tennis community that brings together the strengths and energy of professionals and volunteers to deliver a world class, accessible sport that is a sustainable and continuously strives to improve.



**About me:** I have had a passion for Table Tennis since I was a teenager and consistently failed to be as good as I wanted to be despite all my efforts! I have played in the East Midlands, Midlands and most recently the South West in local leagues, County, British league, Tournaments and travelled in Europe and America to play. I understand how table tennis works in the UK through my engagement with the sport.

I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and have been a Director in large multi-million pound organisations for over 15 years working at executive level in companies focussed on Customer Service and with World Leading performance. Understanding how to make things happen has always been a key to my success.

I work as a Consultant but this is only part time so I have the time and energy to devote to the success of the sport and Table Tennis England

I have a reputation for honesty and integrity and am member of Table Tennis England's Board of Appeal and currently Chair the Disciplinary Committee.

**Our Sport:** The knowledge expertise and commitment of the Table Tennis community is unquestionable through its network of volunteers, coaches and the Table Tennis England staff and Board. I see the main challenge is how we harness this energy and expertise to deliver the sustainable successful sport we are all working towards. This is all about teamwork being organised and commitment to a common goal. The structure is substantially in place through the MAG and County/Leagues etc so we need to focus on how we mobilise this to best effect.

The success of our sport will be delivered by engaging with and inspiring future generations through our network of clubs, coaches and schools. There are amazing developments in technology which we need to embrace to bridge the gap between the younger players world of gaming, virtual reality etc and combining this with live playing of competitive sport with all of the associated benefits. No section of our society should be excluded from the possibility of engaging in playing our great game. This includes greater emphasis on gender and diversity including, Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and disability amongst others.

**The Role:** Successful organisations are defined by the strength of the strategies they develop and how they are effectively they are implemented. They need to be agile and continually tested and evolve to meet the changing world. Appropriate resources need to be allocated to deliver the objectives and within a well governed structure.

I am keen that the organisation at all levels reflects the values and culture to which we all aspire so I will ensure that this is understood and followed from Board level down. Our success moving forward depends on us mobilising the infrastructure already in place with the volunteers, committees, dedicated teams at League and County level, coaches etc to deliver our common goal.

**Why me:** I bring a blend of passion for the game and technical understanding of the Executive Team and their responsibilities. Having worked at a senior level in successful organisations I can support the Board in driving the success of our sport. Whilst many people know more about Table Tennis than I do, I have the ability to bring teams together, engage and translate their knowledge and energy into a Board and organisational structure which delivers for everyone and to the benefit of the sport.

I have recently been an Executive and trained in Non Executive responsibilities at the Financial Times and Cranfield University to understand the responsibilities and demands of the role.

**Contact:** I would be delighted to discuss my nomination and views on how we could work together with anyone at any time so please drop me an email at [bishopmike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bishopmike@hotmail.co.uk) and I will get in touch.