

## Mike Starkie bio

Standing as an independent candidate in the 2015 elections Mike Starkie was voted in as Copeland's first Elected Mayor. He has successfully, for the first time in Copeland's history, formed a multi-party Executive Committee.

Mike represents the Council on the Energy Coast West Cumbria Board, the Copeland Community Fund Board, West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group and the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership

Born and bred in West Cumbria Mike is married with two children and has spent the last 25 years of his career in the financial sector with senior roles in companies including Pearl, Zurich and Axa.

He now runs his own financial services company established in 2013.

Mike has a keen interest in sport and was heavily involved with youth football, coaching Copeland schools in national festivals.