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Alison has a wide and varied experience of working in public funded regeneration, skills and education programmes. She first joined the Civil Service via the Manpower Services Commission, and worked on a range of skills training programmes for young people and adults.

She then moved to the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber in 1993, and undertook a variety of management roles including regeneration and housing. Between 2001-2007, she was Director of European Programmes in Yorkshire and the Humber, investing over £1 billion to boost the skills and economic development of the region.

She became Head of the Sustainable transport team in 2007, promoting government objectives on transport and carbon reduction.

In January 2011, she moved to the Department for Education to help manage and lead change in academies at a senior level, including working with stakeholders to deliver new academies and challenge the performance of open academies. She currently works with the Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands, as part of his senior team to support the development of strong, sustainable academy trusts that raise standards and attainments, helping young people maximise their potential.