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Christian joined Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce in September 2011 from previous posts including Core Cities (working on devolution and the Localism Act) and Manchester City Council (economic policy). He manages the Chamber's research and analytics team that covers three principal areas: economic research and analysis, business policy, and large-scale data management and analytics to supply up-to-date and relevant insight to support the Chamber internally as well as the content and services delivered to members, key partners, government and media.

He is experienced in economic and particularly regional economic analysis, local urban economic impact and research methodologies and large-scale business engagement. With his research team he developed the ground-breaking construction pipeline skills analysis, a methodology championed by government and industry in terms of understanding and forecasting supply-side shortfalls in labour and skills and more accurately modelling medium-term demand in the construction sector.

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