



## **James Thomson | Treasurer**

**James is the Assistant Principal for Finance, Student Funding and Estates at Ayrshire College. As a member of the College's Senior Leadership Team, James provides leadership at a strategic level in the corporate management and governance of Ayrshire College and ensures the financial security and sustainability of the organisation.**

James also leads the College's risk management and business continuity planning arrangements. A Chartered Management Accountant with a Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma, prior to joining Ayrshire College, James worked for 12 years for one of Scotland's leading independent firms of chartered accountants and business advisors. James used his skills and expertise to provide consultancy advice on service transformation, continuous improvement and performance improvement to a range of clients. These included public sector bodies, not for profit and commercial organisations. In his career, James has also worked for local government and the NHS, representing Scotland's local authorities at a national and European level. James grew up in Ayrshire, works in Ayrshire and has a personal commitment to Ayrshire. He is proud to be Director and Treasurer of the Chamber and is determined to make a difference for our members.

### **Q: Who is someone you admire, and why?**

Eric Cantona - a man with great talent, ability and personal drive. He is known for his confidence and the impact he made on English football. What is often overlooked is the difference he made to his colleagues and team mates. He helped others develop and improve. He also was brave enough to pursue his dreams post football and moved into acting. Going from the top of your current career, with a global reputation to starting out in a whole new industry cannot be easy, but Eric Cantona worked hard to learn, develop and improve in his new career.

