

Muhammed Butt:

Hi, I'm Cllr Muhammed Butt, Leader of Brent Council.

Thank you for showing the interest in becoming Brent's new Chief Executive. Brent is a special place. Brent is my home. Brent is also home to thousands of people who have chosen Brent to be their home.

Hope you can see that we do not stand still. Brent is a place alive with opportunities. We are always aiming and reaching higher. Challenging everything that we do.

I am proud of Brent's diversity because that diversity is our greatest strength. Our cultures, our beliefs, our history, and our journeys coming to Brent unites us all together.

Over the past seven years, our excellent Chief Executive, working with stable political leadership and a highly motivated workforce, has taken the council to new heights.

Last year, we delivered more genuinely affordable homes than any other London borough in the history of the GLA thanks to our ambitious regeneration programme, which is tackling the housing crisis head on.

In 2020, Brent was the Mayor's London Borough of Culture. Working with the Community, we projected the story of Brent to the world. That same year we were awarded Council of the Year.

Our bid highlighted our progress working with partners to reduce homelessness and violent crime as well as cleaning up the streets and achieving our best ever Ofsted rating.

The judges praised the council for our commitment to building community cohesion and resilience, while impressing on multiple fronts and showing leadership in the round.

We are currently living through a period of enormous upheaval. It feels like every week brings a new unknown and a different crisis to respond to.

We need an experienced and knowledgeable leader that can help us balance the challenges we face with the opportunities.

Brent Council will always take the decisions necessary in seeking to ensure that no one is left behind. We will continue to prioritise the most vulnerable in our community and protect essential services.

But we also need to put the voice of the people front and centre in everything we do. We have taken great strides in empowering our communities, but we need to do more. We need to be inclusive by default.

The Cabinet and I are ambitious, hands on and ready to listen. Brent's new Chief Exec. must be the same. You must be inspiring, engaging and motivated to live and breathe the values we have. I want somebody who is ambitious to work with us to deliver a better Brent that works for everyone.

If that sounds like you, please do get in touch and help us on our journey on a better path for Brent.