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Supporting Statement

Dear Ms Newbold,

Please see attached my CV and below my supporting statement highlighting my suitability for the post of Chief Executive, London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Throughout my working life as a barrister, Head of Legal at the Greater London Authority Transition Team and Director of Major projects and Service Delivery at the Greater London Authority, I have established a record of quality achievement at senior management level in a complex environment. With my ability to make difficult decisions quickly using objective sound judgement, I have achieved results in a challenging and complex environment. I conceived, initiated, negotiated and, working with local authorities, managed the delivery of London's Childcare Affordability Programme providing 10,000 affordable childcare places across London. This programme was praised by the Treasury and the Childcare Strategy was used in national policy on reducing child poverty. I managed the roll out of under 16s free fares across London, using my commitment and resilience to deal with the hostile media attention that this increased crime on buses. As a Trustee of the London Bombing Relief Fund I made difficult decisions very quickly and it remains one of a few major crisis funds that attracted no criticism from the media, public or beneficiaries.

I led the restructure of the London Development Agency and the Greater London Authority (GLA) so that work was realigned to the Mayor's priorities and performance improved: work streams were consolidated where there was duplication which led to improvement of stakeholder management (the lack of structure engagement with London's Asian communities and faith communities was identified and rectified) and work on skills and employment were consolidated engaging private sector stakeholders. I have managed multi-organisational and multi-disciplined teams to successfully produce and contribute to the GLA's corporate strategies and implementation of those strategies: Childcare Strategy; Older People's Strategy; Children and Young Person's Strategy; Skills and Employment Strategy; Sustainability policies; Transport Strategy; London Plan; Climate Change Action Plan; Health Inequalities Strategy.

Working on and implementing these strategies gave me a deep appreciation of the current social policy issues facing local government. Decent homes, educational attainment, skills equipping for the global labour market, jobs and supporting business and local enterprise, preventative health measures, access to good health services, preventing and reducing crime and promoting sustainable environment are the ingredients for a good sustainable quality of life outcome. Reducing inequalities and levelling every one up to achieve a good sustainable quality of life are at the heart of dealing with these issues.

I have knowledge and experience of: the different inspection regimes, drive to improve service delivery, drive for efficiency and different funding models (contracting out, best value, comprehensive performance review, comprehensive area assessments, Lyons, Gershon); the increase in local government transparency and introduction of a choice of governance models (the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Local Government Act 2000, Sustainable Communities Act 2007); and the increase in partnership working and stakeholder engagement. Accountable to both central government and those who live, work and visit their area, local government remains essential to achieving a good quality of life in its areas. Engaging with its stakeholders and working with its partners, local government balances all these interests with competing priorities whilst working within budgetary and other resource constraints to continually improve its services.