

# Leader's Column

Winter 2022



The end of one year and the beginning of the next is a great time to reflect on the last twelve months and look ahead at everything we want to achieve in the future.

Haringey is the world in one borough. We speak many languages, and we are brimming with creativity, personality, and radicalism.

In November we launched The Haringey Deal - a new project which will see a huge culture change at the council. We are attempting to do things with, not to residents and to harness the amazing knowledge, expertise, and passion which exists in our communities and businesses.



We need to start from the foundations and we owe it to you as a council to get the basics right. We want to make sure that residents everyday interactions with the council are as easy, effective and supportive as possible.

This is part of our determination to prioritise relationships with our residents. There are difficult times ahead, with the Cost of Living crisis, the climate emergency, and the long-term impact of the pandemic on our economy and health. We need to face these together.

As part of this new commitment we will listen better to each other, share power, and support residents to become agents of lasting change. This is the essence of the Deal.

Over the next few months you will see us putting the Deal into practice.

One of our first projects is [Wood Green Voices](#). This project is giving residents and businesses the chance to have their say about what they love about Wood Green, what places and spaces are important to them, and what needs improving. This is the first of many pieces of work that will focus on putting communities and residents at the heart of everything we do.

However, we can't do this by ourselves. We need residents to get stuck in and share their ideas about how we can work better together.

You can [visit our Haringey Deal page](#) which provides more information about the Deal and gives you an opportunity to have your say.

Things are not getting any easier with the Cost of Living crisis, but as we head into 2023 I have no doubts that we will come together once again as a community.

To all of our residents, I want to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. And to those who are celebrating, a Happy Hanukkah too!

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