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**Appointment of Chief Executive**

The Council has announced that Jackie Belton, formerly Strategic Director of Corporate Services at the London Borough of Lambeth, is being recommended for appointment as its new Chief Executive. Council will be asked to approve the appointment on 17 April.

Jackie has worked at senior level in local government for over 25 years and held Strategic Director level roles in Newham and Lambeth. Jackie has extensive experience of managing the full range of Council services, including corporate resources, customer services, housing growth and regeneration, and key services for children and adults. Jackie also has successfully developed a council-owned company to build affordable homes and address housing need.

Jackie said: "I'm delighted and proud to be recommended as the London Borough of Bexley's new Chief Executive. Bexley has strong ambition for its residents and clear plans to improve their lives by delivering good places to live, better transport and excellent opportunities for education and employment.

"I'm looking forward to working with Bexley's excellent senior leadership team, committed staff and elected Members, who care passionately about their Borough and to build on recent achievements including -

Outstanding services for children  
Our 14<sup>th</sup> year as the top recycling Borough in London  
Securing development of two new schools for pupils with Special Educational Needs  
Delivering excellent educational attainment in our schools  
Winning Government commitment of £4.85m to help fund preparations for the widely supported scheme for a planned extension of Crossrail to Ebbsfleet."

Councillor Teresa O'Neill, OBE Leader of the Council said:

"Jackie is joining the Council at a challenging and exciting time. We will all be working together to continue to deliver our wide-ranging programme of investment to improve the Borough, and to find new and better ways to do things to ensure we get maximum value from the money we spend."

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