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## **Biography**

Martin Esom became Chief Executive of Waltham Forest Council in October 2010, having previously been Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Environment and Regeneration. An environmental health officer by training, he worked at 3 other London Boroughs in senior roles before joining Waltham Forest. He was awarded the Ronald Williams Gold Medal on graduation by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, where he later served as a Board Member and Trustee for 8 years.

During his time at the Council, Martin has led a number of community safety initiatives, including Waltham Forest's award-winning gang prevention programme and a multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy. Martin is also the Chair of the London Prevent Board, which continues to drive work in relation to counter-terrorism and anti-radicalisation across the capital.

He has led on the transformation of the William Morris Gallery, which has since been awarded the Art Fund Museum of the Year 2013. He has also taken forward the regeneration of the Borough, in particular rejuvenating high streets and the construction of the Borough's new cinema and entertainment complex in Walthamstow, which opened in November 2014.

Martin has a Masters in Business Administration and holds technical qualifications in Health and Safety and Noise Control.

## **More information**

Non-Executive Board members are entitled to an annual remuneration of £15,100 a year for approximately 30 days commitment.

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