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To whom it may concern,

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Current Affairs Committee**

Please find attached with this letter my curriculum vitae which forms part of my nomination to be 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Current Affairs Committee.

I have been a member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities since 2018 throughout that period I have served on the Current Affairs Committee. I have attended committee meetings online as well in Strasbourg and Stuttgart. The Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities is a fantastic organisation that upholds the values that I truly believe in.

My experience includes working professionally for the Greater London Authority, which is the regional authority in London, and for a Member of the UK Parliament. I have been on my local authority for over a decade becoming the first female leader of Enfield Conservative Group in 2017. I served as Leader of the Opposition on Enfield Council from 2017-2022. I have been chosen by my peers to be on committees of the Local Government Association which is the body that lobbies the UK national government on behalf of the sector.

I believe I have the skills and experience to take on the role of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Current Affairs Committee. I would be honoured if I were elected.

Yours sincerely

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ECR Group - UK Delegation

## Local Government

Local Government Association [England & Wales] - Vice Chair of Culture, Tourism and Sport Board September 2023 – to date

- Policy on culture, tourism and sports
- Give government local government's views on emerging policy
- Evaluate best practice in these areas and share across country

Local Government Association [England & Wales] - Cities and Regions Board 2019-2023

Key work undertaken

- Local Government policy formation to form part of the LGA's work with govt
- Analysing the different pressures between cities, regions and rural local authorities
- Cross party working to achieve common local government priorities

Enfield Council

Elected councillor 2010 – to date

Leader of the Opposition & Conservative Group 2017-2018

Deputy Leader & Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment 2012-2017

Successes

- First woman leader of a political party in Enfield
- Lobbying for change on local government policy
- Achieved one of the best election results in the country in 2022

## Regional Government

Conservative Group Senior Researcher Advisor - London Assembly 2016 -2022

Key areas of responsibility

- Environment
- London Fire Brigade
- Oversight (internal spending at City Hall)
- Political and policy briefings

Advisor/Research & Support Officer to the Deputy Mayor of London 2015-2016 under the mayoralty of Rt Hon Boris Johnson – former UK Prime Minister

Key areas of responsibility

- Writing speeches for events linked to international conferences and working with Officers at the GLA and civil servants to draft them



- Accompanying the Deputy Mayor to meet UK and foreign ministers, members of the royal family, ambassadors and visits to organisations in London
- Liaising with the Mayor's office on what visits Boris Johnson would cover

## European Bodies

Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities 2018

- Deputy Leader of the UK Conservative Group on Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities
- 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President of the Current Affairs Committee since 2019 [stand in President in 2023]
- Work with other elected officials from member states
- Participated in debates both in the Current Committee and Plenary Sessions

European Union Committee of the Regions – February 2019 to January 2020

Substitute Member

- Worked with elected officials from other EU member states
- Supported keeping the Committee of the Regions budget low

## National Government

Parliamentary aide to Gareth Bacon MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary of the Secretary of State for Health 2023- to date

- Briefings on legislation
- Research into emerging issues
- Speech drafting

## Candidate

- Conservative Candidate in the 2019 general election
- Conservative London Assembly Candidate in the 2016 London elections
- Conservative Council Candidate 2010, 2014, 2018,2022

## References

- Cllr Kevin Bentley, Vice Chairman of Local Government Association