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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

I have been a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute for twenty six years and have a professional qualification in Town Planning from Leeds Polytechnic/ Leeds Metropolitan University. During my career, I have worked in two local authorities, finishing my local authority career as Deputy Chief Planning Officer at Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council.

During my earlier career at Trafford MBC, I worked on 3 Local Plans, conservation and transport projects, and managed a heavy caseload of planning applications.

At Rochdale, I continued working on a programme of plan preparation, including the preparation and review of Rochdale's Unitary Development Plan. I played a major role in a number of high profile development and regeneration schemes, including the Kingsway Business Park.

In June 2005, I was appointed to the position of Strategic Planning Manager. In that capacity, I led the Strategic Planning Team on the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy, environmental initiatives, housing land studies, green infrastructure plans and projects, flood risk/management, transport policy co-ordination, energy policy and sustainability (including sustainability appraisal). My team supported a number of economic regeneration initiatives working closely with the Rochdale Development Agency and major developers. I led and managed major projects (such as the Rochdale Design Initiative, and the Oldham and Rochdale Urban Design Guidance). I worked on collaborative projects involving Greater Manchester Authorities and led for Rochdale on the preparation and adoption of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Plan.

I was appointed as Deputy Chief Planning Officer in April 2011. In this role I helped manage a service review and restructure of the Planning and Regulation Service, and I contributed to various corporate initiatives including 'Borough Branding, the 'Sustainable Community Strategy' and 'Risk Management'. I also managed a programme of masterplan and site brief preparation and priority projects funded from the Priority Investment Fund (e.g. Rochdale Station Area Masterplan).

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