

**Proposed Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) task group
Nominations for chair – supporting statements**

Councillor Ezeifedi

I will like to be a member of the Task and Finish Group set up in response to my motion on the Impact of COVID on Watford BAME communities.

I will also like to put myself forward to chair the Task and Finish Group. Apart from the competence I have demonstrated in bringing through this particular motion and the black history motion, I bring lived experience of the intersectionality within our community that this Task and finish group seek to explore being a black African(British) woman and a community leader in the community .On a voluntary level, I have worked extensively with Watford African Caribbean Association and other Black Asian communities through the One Vision project and through my role as a Councillor in West Watford. Prior to this I worked extensively within diverse communities across Watford and Three Rivers with statutory responsibilities of safeguarding the most vulnerable. I have experience of working on national equalities task group being a current member of NHS England and Improvement Mental health Inequalities Task Force

My professional knowledge of working within the Equality Act 2010, Human Right Ac 1998, Care Act 2014 and COVID Act 2020 would be helpful to facilitate this group.

Councillor Pattinson

I would like to be considered for the chair of this task group. My statement in support of this expression of interest is below

Whilst I have not yet had the opportunity to chair a meeting in my role of a councillor, I have significant chairing experience in my professional life. Most of my career to date has been spent in the public sector, most recently for the Regulator for Health and Social Care, where I have chaired several multi-disciplinary groups focussing on the understanding and therefore improvement of services within the Adult Social Care Sector. I was vice chair of the equality, diversity and human rights network within the commission for a time and was responsible for ensuring that EDHR areas were at the forefront of decision making and considered within every policy. The challenge was then implementing EDHR into the values of the organisation and ensuring the whole workforce was passionate about EDHR for all. I currently work as a Deputy Director of one of the largest charitable bodies within the UK and Ireland and have significant experience of managing difficult conversations and looking in depth at controversial issues. I am passionate about encouraging a fair and just society will ensure that this task group is lead professionally, effectively and inclusively to provide a report to cabinet which truly and accurately reflects the views of Watford residents and key stakeholders.