

# Borough plan **what we know**

We know that Lambeth is **a place of huge ambition, energy and opportunity**. We have long been home to radicals and reformers, social entrepreneurs and innovators, those who work together to help change the lives of others and their own. We have a history of openness and diversity with 40+ countries that have 500 or more people (by birth) living in Lambeth.

We also know that we are **living and working in a volatile and uncertain world**, with increasing and changing need for support, continued budget cuts to services, an unstable economy and the threat of a changing climate. With government preoccupied with **Brexit, local areas will need to work in partnership** to show the creativity and drive to enable places and communities to meet these shared challenges and reform our public services. With its capacity for growth and change, its diverse and dynamic population, and its world-class partnership potential, **Lambeth is well-placed** to make this a reality.

We **have all the ingredients**, but this will require a **change in the way we work**. Our role, whether as public servants, residents, practitioners, volunteers, community groups or businesses, is to harness the energy of the borough and build the relationships, collaboration and networks that will drive innovation and improve outcomes.

**Our 20 goals are ambitious, focused and, most importantly, reflect the things we know matter most to our residents.**

## Our vision

In a volatile and uncertain world, Lambeth will thrive with growth and change, providing opportunity for residents and excellence in public services, making Lambeth a great place to live, learn, work and invest – driving fairer outcomes for our diverse community.



# Borough plan **what we will do**

## 1 **Enable sustainable growth and development**

We will work with our partners, contractors and local employers to ensure they pay the London Living Wage and offer jobs with fair terms and conditions.

We will work with key employers and sectors to support initiatives that create conditions for employees to continually develop skills and progress into better jobs.

We will ensure that residents have access to well-designed and truly affordable housing.

We will encourage sustainable development and grow Lambeth's presence as a location for creative and digital industries, health and life sciences, business and financial services, and tourism.

We will continue to pursue transport improvements that allow residents equality of access to centres of growth.

We will invest in the economic viability and community facilities in our local centres to ensure that the benefits of growth are spread around the borough.

## 2 **Increase community resilience**

We will ensure that all children have the support and resources they need to get the best start in life.

We will invest in peoples' skills, life-long learning and networks to equip them with the capabilities they need to benefit from London's economy.

We will improve educational achievement and close the gap in education outcomes for those more disadvantaged pupils and those from underperforming groups.

We will work to achieve sustained reductions in serious youth violence.

We will support individuals and families earlier to help them recover and build their resilience

We will invest in the assets that our communities need to be healthier and more resilient.

## 3 **Promote care and independence by reforming services**

We will support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to lead fulfilling lives, with equality of access to opportunities that improve their life chances and empower them to be the best they can be.

We will improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families in Lambeth, ensuring that they are safeguarded and benefit from improved opportunities.

We will improve the mental health of people who live and work in Lambeth.

We will support people to live longer and healthier lives.

We will ensure that older, disabled and vulnerable people in Lambeth are able to live healthy independent lives, getting the support when they need it most, while promoting personal and community resilience.

## 4 **Make Lambeth a place where people want to live, work and invest**

We will manage Lambeth's neighbourhoods and town centres so that they feel safe and welcoming.

We will maintain attractive neighbourhoods with high quality leisure and cultural facilities that support and encourage healthier lifestyles.

We will improve the quality of housing in the social and private rented sector.

We will maintain Lambeth's award winning parks, and invest in a wider network of green spaces to support community activity and wellbeing.

We will reduce our carbon emissions, significantly cut waste and encourage reuse by residents and businesses.

### We will do it by:

- tackling inequality
- collaborating
- being transparent
- delivering value for money