

Speaker 1:

The MJ Award means the world to us.

Leeford Antwi:

It gives a sense of recognition of the hard work that the people in Waltham Forest are doing within the borough to change people's lives and to make things better for everyone else.

George Lansdale:

Everyone really cares about each other at the council, everyone cares about the work they do, and I think the people in Waltham Forest recognize that with the council. So, it's fantastic to see that it's finally being recognized, and I know that everyone is so proud of the achievement and the work they will be doing, continued.

Martin Esom:

Well, my view is that an organization that doesn't take risk is a dead organization. My whole ethos is that I want staff to take risks, but within a managed framework so they feel safe to take those risks. We've been very on point in terms of making ensure that we can live within our means, get our budgets in the right position; so that we don't go through yearly moratoriums on spending. We're in a position where we can actually invest in services.

Martin Esom:

Our staff are absolutely amazing. They're dynamic, they want to do things, they want to try things. People that are enthusiastic have got ideas. They want to work for an authority that is going full speed ahead. That is the biggest reason why people should come and work for us. We've got ambition, we want you to do your best, because we know that combination delivers the best services for residents.