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I completed an Economics degree at Manchester Polytechnic in 1983 and started my career in local government as a clerical officer at Manchester City Council in 1986. I secured successive promotions with both Manchester and Tameside's Housing Departments before becoming Principal Housing Team Leader in 1993 covering Hulme and Moss Side. The timing of my move was extremely fortunate - the development and regeneration of Hulme was starting to gain momentum and I was heavily involved in the demolition of over 3,000 deck access flats and maisonettes and the design and construction of what was acknowledged at the time as one of the best examples of urban regeneration.

In August 1997 I was asked to lead on a new initiative in East Manchester, New Deal for Communities. I coordinated the development of a comprehensive community focused regeneration programme which secured £77 million through NDC and Single Regeneration Budget funding and implemented, with partners, a wide range of projects that ensured the successful regeneration of Beswick, Openshaw and Clayton. The scheme was widely acknowledged by the Government as one of the most innovative and successful in the country tackling one of the most deprived areas of the country.

In October 2009 I moved back into mainstream Council service delivery as Assistant Chief Executive for Neighborhood Strategy, overseeing the management of day to day council street-based services and the fundamental transformation of those services making them more generic and neighborhood focused. In June 2013 I was asked to move across to a new role as Assistant Chief Executive (Growth) supporting the Council's ambition to accelerate residential growth in the city.

In June 2017 my role changed to Director of Trading Services, responsible for a number of income-generating services such as school meals, markets and bereavement services. I also took on strategic responsibility for overseeing the £330 million refurbishment and partial upgrade of the Grade 1 listed Town Hall.

After leaving Manchester City Council in July 2018 I was successfully recruited to the role of Director of Local Services for the Government of Jersey. The role includes strengthening the relationship between the Government and both the voluntary and community sector and Parishes as well as developing a more locally focused approach to delivering services.