

## **Newham – Searching for the best – Transcript**

- [upbeat music]

- My desire for my future team is to have a group of individuals who are innovative, creative, passionate about the workforce, passionate about Newham. And I think with the right team, we can go really, really far. And that really excites me.

- We're looking for people that can look around corners, that can think ahead, that anticipate and that are pioneering and creative in their thinking and their approach. People that can be disruptive. We're not looking for orthodoxy, and that's the reason why I'm really pleased that we've appointed Abi. We need a strong, robust leadership team here at the council to realise the ambition that I have for the people of Newham.

- The Mayor's vision for Newham is huge. You can see her heart is right at the centre of Newham. She grew up in Newham. Her thinking about making it an exceptional place for the people who live here is on point. It's the reason why I came to Newham.

- We're very much an administration that wants to get things done. We roll up our sleeves, we get our hands dirty, we're out on the front line. We're immersed in our communities.

- We've got quite a few priority issues, and I think the team and anyone who comes in will understand it the more you read about us. It's a really difficult and challenging time nationally for local government at the moment. They're the big things that you will see anywhere else, but they feel quite acute in Newham because of the dynamics of our demographic and the people that live here. But the right individuals will be able to grapple with them with me.

- We're out on the hunt to recruit the best talent the country has in local government. And I need the best. [upbeat music]