

Introduction Video Text

Hi everyone, my name's Rob Manning and I am the Director of Return on Investment here at Waltham Forest. I am also currently covering the role of Director of Financial Services and I'm also a non-executive director on Sixty Bricks Limited; our housing company.

Waltham Forest if you don't [already] know, is bordered on the South by the Olympic Park, in the north by the leafy suburbs which then border onto Hertfordshire and Essex, and then either side we've got Redbridge and Enfield. It's a very vibrant place, very interesting place to work and very fast paced – we work hard. And we've got some amazing opportunities. There's some roles that go across all the different areas within local government from Corporate Capital, Chief Accountant and through to your services like Business Partnering into Education, Social Care, Neighbourhoods and Place. And on the Sixty Bricks side you have the Head of Finance and Finance Officers that will support what is a growing housing company that delivers basically.

We have got as a Council, one of the most ambitious capital programmes in London. We're spending something close to half a billion pounds in the next few years on things like building neighbourhoods, building homes, standard stuff like schools. But then we've got some eclectic stuff; a brand new town hall with a massive fountain and an amazing fountain if you've ever seen it. And we're also investing close to twenty-five million [pounds] in a theatre, which was something I never thought I'd be doing in local government certainly. So honestly, everyday is different; you get an opportunity to get into really different things. In services we look at, we try to pilot some of the new ideas. We've got some chatbox going on at the moment. We're also looking at things like how do we get tech-enabled social care and things like social value; how do we generate the biggest bang for our buck, how do we get the most return for our residents? And it's really interesting. It's something I'm very passionate about and everyone in Finance and in the Borough wants to get the most out of.

Sixty Bricks, like I say I'm a non-executive director on the board. It's a housing company we've had running for a couple of years now. We broke ground on our first site earlier this year and we've now completed one site already, and we've got another five to go in the pipeline – we are very fast paced. Again, a small team but they get the job done. They are being noticed; the LGA (Local Government Association) have given huge amounts of housing grant – probably more than many other boroughs. For a housing company so small to generate so much – it's something to really stand up and look at. So, if you have a housing background and you're really interested in working for a housing company then Sixty Bricks is one of the names to be looking at.

I just wanted to say thanks very much for looking at our website, looking at our roles. I really do hope to see many of you in the future. Bear in mind we are fully inclusive; I am really proud of how we look at diversity and ethnicity and all of the protected characteristics. I am really proud of how we make everyone feel welcome. So please, get in touch if you need to understand more, good luck if you do apply and I hope to see you in the future!

Thanks very much, good bye.