



Cllr Rofique Uddin Ahmed

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Politics**

Cllr Rofique Uddin Ahmed was born in the village of Gulatikor in the Sylhet district of Bangladesh. His first school was Abdullahpur Primary School, and when he left he completed his SSC at Lauta High School in 1978.

When Cllr Ahmed moved to the UK, he undertook a variety of qualifications including GCSE's, A Levels, GNVQ's and NVQ's at Tower Hamlets College.

Cllr Ahmed has been a resident of the East London borough of Tower Hamlets since 1985. He has been a member of the Labour Party for more than fifteen years, and first gained his seat at Tower Hamlets Borough Council in May 2002 when he was elected as the councillor for the Mile End and Globe Town ward. He was re-elected in 2006.

Cllr Ahmed has been an active member of Tower Hamlets council since he was elected. He has been the chair of numerous committees including Development, Strategic Development and Olympic Development. In addition to this, he has also been the chair for both the Licensing Committee and the Standards Panel.

However, he has undertaken some of his most important work while in his role as a member of the Olympic Delivery Authority Planning Decisions Team for the



Olympic Games in 2012. This group of people make decisions that will have an impact on not only the Olympic Games, but also the people of London. For example, the committee is responsible for the planning of the Olympic Village and the necessary improvements to transport that are required for the games.

He is also an integral member of the Ocean Regeneration Trust, a group that deals with initiatives to improve the Ocean Estate (where Cllr Ahmed has lived since 1992) in London's East End.

One of Cllr Ahmed's greatest achievements was his successful implementation of the Sylhet

Partnership. This scheme was set up to twin Tower Hamlets Council with Sylhet. The programme was completed, and a grant of over €200,000 from the European Council was awarded to assist the smooth completion of projects based in both Tower Hamlets and Sylhet.

Aside from his life in politics, Cllr Ahmed is a proud family man. In 1983, he married Mrs Aysha Begum, and they have since had five children – four daughters and one son. Their first daughter – Aklima Begum – obtained a first class BA in Business Management from the University of Westminster Business School, and she now works for Reuters. Their second daughter, Nelema Begum, is currently completing her A Levels at the Central Foundation Girls School and she hopes to study Medicine at either Kings College or Queen Mary's College of the University of London. Their two other daughters – Nasima Begum and Shamima Begum – are both currently students at Central Foundation Girls School and Ben Johnson Primary School.

Emad Uddin Ahmed, Cllr Ahmed and his wife's only son, completed his GCSE's in 2007, and is currently studying Business Studies, ICT, Sociology and Government and Politics at Leyton College.