



## Cllr Ahmadul Haque

Place of Residence: **West Midlands**  
Sector: **Politics**

Cllr Ahmadul Haque served Deputy Mayor of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. He was the first Bangladeshi Councillor elected in the Midland region in 1995 and has been re-elected ever since. In 2006 Cllr Haque received an award from Channel 5 for his services to the community. Cllr Haque arrived in the UK in July 1963 and initially became a member of the Pakistan Welfare Association in Birmingham.

Whilst working in various different companies, Cllr Haque was always keen to get into politics and in 1965 became a member of the old Labour party. With friction simmering in East Pakistan and West Pakistan, Cllr Haque set up the first Bangladesh Action Committee outside of Birmingham in 1971. In the same year Cllr Haque helped raise close to £1500 from contributions made by the residents of

North Birmingham for the Bangladesh Action Committee movement as well as setting Midlands Awami League.

Cllr Haque is a very active member of the Bangladeshi community always campaigned for equality and as a result in 1976 received an award from the Bangladeshi High Commission. Through effort and having to overcome numerous obstacles, Cllr Haque also helped set up the Tipton Muslim Trust Association which is now referred to as Al-Islah Trust and a community centre for local Muslims in Tipton. Clearly evident from his involvement with the Bangladesh Women's Association and his executive position with the Tipton Action Group, Cllr Haque tries to serve all members of the community. In the mid eighties, Cllr Haque purchased a terraced house via the trust and later set up the Sandwell Confederation of

Bangladeshi Muslim Organisation (SCOBMO).

Cllr Haque is also a founder member of the City Challenge Project as well as Bangladesh Youth Movement. Through over twenty years of persistence and hard work campaigning for level crossings in Tipton a 2.2 million pound project finally commenced last year. Cllr Haque also played a pivotal role during Ms Syeda Khatun's election campaign who later became the first Bangladeshi female councillor in the Midlands area in 1999.

Currently, whilst carrying out his role as Deputy Mayor of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Cllr Haque is involved with different projects and faith groups in the wider community and has also been a school governor for over twenty years.