



Cllr Shafiqul Haque

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Politics**

Cllr Shafiqul Haque was born in 1960 in Bahubal. His education began at the Bahubal Upazilla Primary School before passing his SSC at Dinanath High School in 1976. When he left high school, he completed his HSC at the Sylhet Government College. This was followed by both a BA and an LLB to become a lawyer in the Habigonj Judge Court.

Cllr Haque moved to the UK in 1991, and quickly became involved in the catering industry. He owned a restaurant from 1991 to 2003. He also enrolled at Guildhall University to complete an LLB.

However, in 1992 Shafiqul Haque, as he was then known, joined the Labour party. This move would prove to have a great impact on his life only a decade later. This was also his first participation with politics in the UK.

In May 2002, Shafiqul Haque became Cllr Shafiqul Haque as he

was elected the Councillor for the ward of St. Katharine's and Wapping in the London borough of Tower Hamlets. Since this initial election, Cllr Haque has proven to be an integral member of Tower Hamlet's Borough Council. He was chosen to be the Vice-Chairman for the Council's Development Panel and also the Vice-Chairman of the Excellence of Public Service Committee among other important positions.

However, it was in 2004 that Shafiqul Haque's prominence in Tower Hamlets' Council really came to the fore as he was chosen to be the Borough's Deputy Mayor. Only two years later, in June 2006, the man from Bahubal's ascension into politics would reach its highest point as he was elected the Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

Cllr Shafiqul Haque served as a successful Mayor whilst he held that position and represented the community very well. He worked hard for British Bangladeshis in

Tower Hamlets and remains to do so.

Currently Mr Haque is still a Labour party councillor for St. Katharine's and Wapping. His committee appointments in the Council include being a member of the council Cabinet, the Human Resources Committee, Pension and Accounts Committee as well as Health Scrutiny. Moreover He is also working for an immigration firm on a voluntary basis to enhance his knowledge of the law.

Additionally Cllr Haque is involved with various community initiatives. This consist of him being involved with Tower Hamlets Community Housing, as well as NDC and also LGA Urban Commission. At present Cllr Haque is the Lead Member for Development.

Cllr Haque is married and has three children – two sons and a daughter.