

## Deputy Mayor Councillor Eddie Hanson



Cllr Hanson represents the Kilburn ward and is the chair of licensing panel D and a former Cabinet advisor. He is also an entrepreneur and an expert in the Nighttime Economy. He holds a degree in Computing and an MBA.

Born in Sierra Leone, Cllr Hanson survived various conflicts before calling Camden his home. He has been living in Camden with his family for over 20 years.

He has a thorough knowledge of the borough and has worked with a wide range of Camden residents, faith groups, neighbourhood forums, local businesses and charitable organisations for many years. He was a former Chair of the Hampstead District Management Committee (DMC), Chair of the Board of Trustees of a local community centre, a governor at a local primary school and helped form many TRAs (Tenant and Resident associations).

Cllr Hanson has come from humble beginnings and was even captured as a child during the war. His incredible life story has inspired many especially young people. He further encourages young people by running empowerment workshops, community engagement training programmes, as well as coaching sessions. He is a founder of an organisation that mentors and coaches' young people to achieve a better life and to help people from underrepresented groups and disadvantaged backgrounds reach their full potential and become leaders.

He is delighted to be appointed as the Deputy Mayor of Camden and says:

"Camden is known for many firsts, so I am grateful to be the first deputy mayor of black African descent. In this role, I would like to inspire others and give hope, that regardless of your background, success is something that can be achieved. I want to inspire those who feel they have been left behind and bring what has never been represented before."

