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**Councillor Richard Watts**  
**Leader of the Council**

Labour Member for Tollington Ward

Date: 19/01/2015

Dear Rakhia,

Thank you for your letter. I accept your resignation from the Executive and would like to thank you for the work you have put in over the last 20 months.

As Executive Member for the Environment you steered a highly sensitive area of the Council's work safely through an important year when we completed bringing street environment services back in house.

In your last role you started the important work of helping the borough's voluntary sector to survive the Tory-led Government's cuts. You were also a champion for social enterprise, particularly for BAME women, and I hope you can continue to champion this as a backbench councillor.

As the father of two young children myself, I completely understand how much the roles we do can impact on family life. Nothing is more important than our families and I respect the fact that you've had to make a difficult decision, to put those you love first.

I'm pleased that you're going to continue to serve the people of Holloway Ward and I look forward to working with you to make Islington a fairer place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard Watts'.

**Councillor Richard Watts**  
**Leader, Islington Council**