

APPENDIX A - DARRA SINGH – BIOGRAPHY

Darra Singh is a Partner at Ernst & Young's leading their Public Sector Advisory team.

Darra was formerly Chief Executive of Job Centre Plus, where he led an ambitious transformation programme. As Chief Executive of Ealing Borough Council, Darra lifted the council from weak to excellent in Audit Commission Ratings and won the MJ Best Achieving Council Award. As Chief Executive of Luton the council improved its performance and financial strength, achieving its first balanced budget since unitary status. As Regional Director of the Audit Commission, Darra established and led the Best Value Inspection Service in the North and as a member of the National Inspection Management Team contributed to corporate management and took the lead on a number of strategically significant projects.

Darra also chaired the Independent Riots, Communities and Victims Panel which was set up by the Prime Minister to examine and understand the August 2011 riots. He also chaired the Commission on Integration and Cohesion (2007) and was a Steering Group member of the Balance of Funding Review (2004) that explored the balance of central and funding of local government.

Darra has a BA (Hons) in Law and also has an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Coventry for services to community cohesion. In 2004, Darra was awarded an OBE for services to local government.