London Borough of Redbridge

Borough Vision

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REDBRIDGE

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Redbridge is a place people are proud to call home. Our borough is shaped by people from different backgrounds, cultures and walks of life, and one of our greatest strengths is the sense of unity we have built together. It is that shared sense of belonging, pride in our communities and commitment to the place we call home that gives Redbridge its character and provides the foundation for what comes next.

We are hugely ambitious for Redbridge and for what we can achieve together over the next decade. We want to build on everything that already makes our borough a great place to live, while ensuring Redbridge continues to grow and thrive. We want people to choose to put down roots here, families to build their futures here and everyone to be able to find opportunity, support and a sense of belonging.

That means building the homes our growing population needs and creating more good jobs for local people. It means thriving town centres and high streets, excellent schools, green and welcoming neighbourhoods and great places for people to spend their time. Most importantly, as Redbridge grows and changes, we want local people to share in its success.

Our ambition also reaches far beyond our borough boundaries. We may be one corner of London, but Redbridge's reach extends much further. As one of London's most diverse boroughs, we are connected to the wider world through the people who live here, bringing together ideas, cultures, experiences and perspectives from across the globe.

I believe those connections bring opportunity. We should be ambitious enough to think beyond our borough boundaries and recognise that the communities we build, the opportunities we create and the ideas we develop here can have an influence far beyond Redbridge itself. Some may think it is ambitious to say that in Redbridge we can change the world. I do not.

Our borough is connected to every corner of the globe through the people who live here, and there is no reason the ideas, innovation and opportunities that begin in Redbridge cannot make a difference far beyond our boundaries.

Redbridge has an important role to play in the future of London and the wider region. Our excellent transport connections, diverse and skilled communities, thriving businesses and the potential of our town centres and regeneration sites give us a compelling offer. We want businesses, investors and organisations looking at this part of the capital to see the potential we see and choose Redbridge as a place to invest, innovate, grow and create opportunity.

Attracting that investment will help us deliver new homes, regenerate our town centres, improve infrastructure and public spaces and support a stronger local economy. But realising these opportunities cannot be done by the Council alone. We need to work with residents, businesses, public services, community and voluntary organisations, and partners across London and beyond to make the case for Redbridge and secure the investment and infrastructure our borough needs.

Redbridge is already a great borough, with strong communities, a proud identity and so much to offer. This Vision is about taking the next step: creating more opportunities, attracting investment and ensuring that as our borough grows, more people can share in its success. We have every reason to be confident about Redbridge's future, and I am excited about what we can achieve together.

PURPOSE OF THE BOROUGH VISION

Our Borough Vision sets out the future we want to create together for Redbridge over the next decade: a thriving, inclusive and forward-looking borough where every resident can flourish, feel a genuine sense of belonging and care deeply about the place they call home. It reflects what people have told us matters most: safe, clean and welcoming neighbourhoods; strong and connected communities; and opportunities that enable people to live well at every stage of life, from childhood through to older age, and to fulfil their potential. We also want Redbridge to be known for excellent public services that are responsive, accessible and focused on delivering a positive experience for residents, alongside the good schools, clean streets, well-maintained neighbourhoods, attractive parks and cultural and leisure opportunities that contribute to a good quality of life.

Each part of Redbridge has its own character and strengths. Our Vision is for every part of the borough, from our town centres and neighbourhoods to our parks, woodlands and waterways. We want residents to be able to travel easily across the borough and access the facilities, attractions, services and opportunities Redbridge has to offer. We will ensure that communities across the borough benefit from investment and improvement, while respecting the qualities that make different areas of Redbridge distinctive.

This Vision is rooted in our people, the character of our communities, and the qualities that make Redbridge distinctive, diverse and full of potential. It is also bold about the future: embracing regeneration, inward investment and sustainable growth that will bring new homes, revitalised town centres, better transport links and vibrant local economies. We will manage this growth carefully, protecting the green spaces people value, respecting the distinctive character of established neighbourhoods and ensuring that development is supported by the infrastructure and services communities need.

These changes are not about buildings alone; they are about creating places that reflect who we are, strengthening local identity and pride, and ensuring every resident can see themselves in the future of the borough.

Above all, our Borough Vision is a shared commitment to a confident and outward-looking Redbridge, one where public services, businesses, voluntary organisations, faith groups, community organisations and residents work as active partners in Redbridge's future, so that every resident benefits from fair access to opportunity, feels heard and valued, can share in the borough's success and is proud to call Redbridge home. We will actively invite residents to get involved in shaping their communities, influencing local decisions, supporting local initiatives and contributing to the borough's future success, helping create a borough where people care about the place they call home and take pride in the places they share.

This Vision has been informed by what residents and communities have told us through surveys, engagement activities and conversations about the future of Redbridge. Their views have helped shape the priorities and outcomes set out in this document.



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HOW WE WILL USE THIS DOCUMENT

We will use the Borough Vision as a shared compass for the whole borough, shaping how the Council, partners, community organisations and residents work together to create a Redbridge where everyone can thrive. It sets out the long-term outcomes we want for people, places and neighbourhoods, and helps us align our collective efforts behind the same ambitions.

The Vision will guide how we collaborate with partners across health, police, education, businesses and the voluntary and faith sectors, while ensuring residents have a strong voice in shaping local priorities, influencing decisions and helping improve the services and places that matter to them.

Within the Council, it will keep us focused on what matters most to residents, ensuring our work delivers meaningful improvements in everyday life, strengthens trust and provides an excellent customer experience at every interaction. The Borough Vision describes the Redbridge we want to create together over the next ten years. The Corporate Plan sets out the main changes the Council will lead or support over the next four years to help make that vision a reality. Service and partnership plans will contain the detailed activities, milestones and responsibilities needed to deliver those changes.

Across these priorities, we will work with residents and partners, use data and technology responsibly, and continue to modernise services so they are accessible, responsive and designed around people's needs.

The routes to achieving this Vision will develop over time as the borough changes and new opportunities emerge. The shared outcomes will provide a consistent direction while allowing the Council, partners and communities to adapt, innovate and go further.



OUR REDBRIDGE: **EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY**

Redbridge is our shared home. Its future will be shaped not only by public services, businesses and community organisations, but by the people who live, work and spend time here.

Our vision is for a borough where everyone feels they belong, has a stake in their community and feels empowered to make a difference. We want people to have a voice in the decisions that affect them, but also opportunities to take action, share their skills and ideas, support others and help shape the places they care about. This reflects our ambition for residents to be active partners in Redbridge's future.

Everyone can contribute in different ways. It might mean looking out for a neighbour, caring for a shared space, reporting a problem, supporting a local business or community group, volunteering, taking part in a local event, sharing an idea or helping shape a local decision. Small actions, taken by thousands of people across Redbridge, can add up to something powerful.

We want this spirit of participation to become part of everyday life in Redbridge, building stronger connections between people and communities and creating a greater sense of pride, belonging and shared responsibility. We will support participation, volunteering and community action as important ways of strengthening civic pride, active citizenship and belonging.

Redbridge belongs to all of us. Whatever we can contribute, we all have a part to play in making it a place we are proud to call home.



OUR PRIORITIES

1

Building Redbridge's future

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Keeping neighbourhoods green, safe and clean

3

Strengthening local communities

4

Opening doors to opportunity







1 BUILDING REDBRIDGE'S FUTURE

Our Vision

Redbridge is a borough with enormous potential. Over the next decade, our ambition is to shape a place where growth strengthens communities, improves everyday life and gives residents real pride in where they live. We want Redbridge to be a borough of welcoming neighbourhoods, thriving town centres, high-quality homes and public spaces that bring people together and are distinctive, inclusive and full of life throughout the day and into the evening. From Ilford and the opportunities created by the Elizabeth Line to the borough's established neighbourhoods and green spaces, people of different ages, backgrounds and abilities in every part of Redbridge should be able to access opportunities and share in the benefits of investment and improvement.

Building Redbridge's future means planning for growth in a way that is sustainable, fair and rooted in the needs of local people. Through a new Local Plan, we will set a clear long-term direction for the borough, supporting the homes, infrastructure, services and neighbourhoods our communities need now and for future generations. We will work with residents, partners and businesses from an early stage to ensure that change reflects local character, responds appropriately to the scale and setting of each area, strengthens community identity and helps every part of the borough share in Redbridge's success.

At the heart of this Vision is a commitment to better housing for residents. We will create the conditions for more genuinely affordable council and social rent homes, while also raising housing standards across the borough so that more people can live in safe, secure, sustainable and good-quality homes. As Redbridge grows, we will make sure that new development is about more than numbers: it must support wellbeing, strengthen neighbourhoods and help residents build stable lives in places they are proud to call home.



We will also unlock the opportunities created by our Elizabeth Line stations, town centres and key regeneration sites, using them to bring forward new homes, better connections, improved public spaces and a stronger local economy. We will support vibrant high streets, cultural and leisure spaces, and places for businesses to start, grow and invest, creating more good jobs and opportunities for local people. We will actively promote Redbridge as a borough that is open for business and investment, creating the conditions for local businesses and entrepreneurs to succeed.

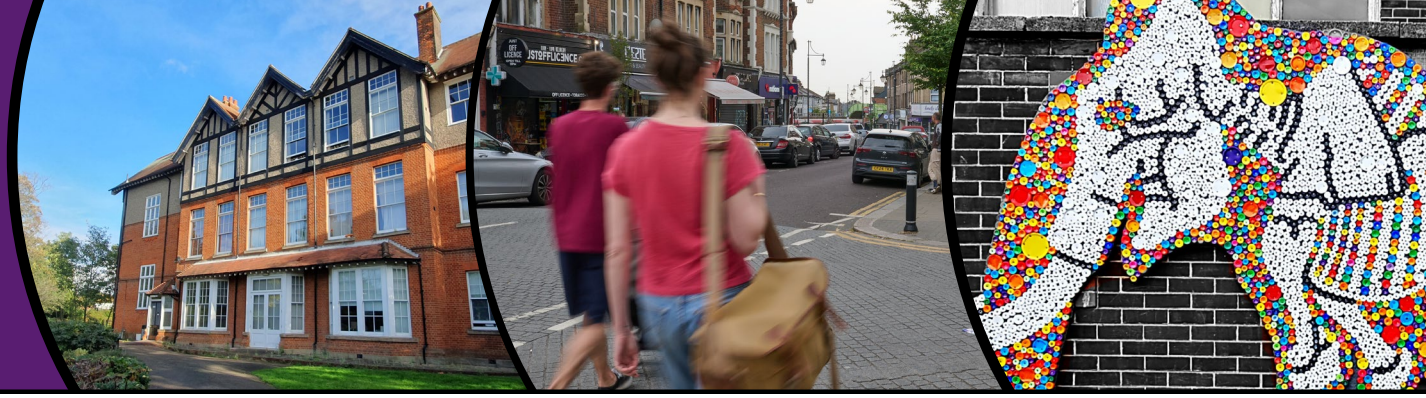
Above all, Building Redbridge's future is about creating a borough that feels confident, connected and ready for the decade ahead. It is about shaping growth with purpose, ensuring investment benefits local communities, and building sustainable neighbourhoods where people can belong, thrive and enjoy a good quality of life, now and for generations to come.



1 BUILDING REDBRIDGE'S FUTURE

WHAT WILL WE ACHIEVE





WHAT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THIS VISION?

- The homes, infrastructure, services and neighbourhoods communities need, supported by an inclusive new Local Plan shaped with local people.
- An ambitious Regeneration Strategy that revitalises town centres, attracts investment and creates thriving neighbourhoods where people are proud to live.
- A long-term plan for new homes, jobs, transport and public spaces that helps make Ilford a vibrant, accessible and sustainable town centre.
- Investment in town centres and neighbourhoods across the borough, respecting their distinctive character and creating attractive, welcoming places where residents can access services, support local businesses and spend time.



- A Western Gateway programme that will deliver a greener and better-connected western entrance to Ilford, with new homes, jobs, public spaces and improved transport connections.
- An expanded and improved Fairlop Waters that gives residents better access to nature, recreation and high-quality green space.
- A Housing Delivery Strategy and Plan that increases the supply of new homes and helps meet the borough's housing needs.
- Safe, warm, energy-efficient and well-maintained council homes.
- Better standards and stronger protection for private renters, helping residents access safe and secure homes.
- Support for local economic growth that creates jobs, strengthens high streets and helps communities prosper.



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- More investment, stronger local businesses and better-quality jobs for local people, supported by an Economic Growth Strategy.
- An expanded Queen Victoria Business and Enterprise Hub that helps local businesses and entrepreneurs start, grow and succeed.
- A thriving evening and night-time economy that brings more life to town centres, supports local businesses and provides a wider range of leisure and cultural opportunities.

2 KEEPING NEIGHBOURHOODS GREEN, SAFE, AND CLEAN

Our Vision

Redbridge's parks, woodlands, rivers and open spaces will be the beating heart of our borough, celebrated, connected and enjoyed by everyone. We will transform how people experience nature in Redbridge, creating a connected network of parks, woodlands, rivers, lakes and other natural spaces that are accessible, thriving and embedded in everyday life. From the River Roding to Fairlop Waters, these places will be cleaner, richer in biodiversity and protected for future generations, supporting healthier lives, improving air and water quality, and building long-term climate resilience.

Our ambition is to make Redbridge one of London's greenest, cleanest and safest boroughs. Residents will take pride in neighbourhoods that are well cared for, welcoming and attractive, where streets, parks and public spaces are clean, litter is reduced, recycling rates are improving, and environmental crime is tackled effectively. We will work with residents and partners to create places where people want to spend time, feel connected to their communities and enjoy a high quality of life.

We will create neighbourhoods that put people first. Walking, cycling and public transport will be safe, accessible and attractive choices, supported by well-maintained roads, public spaces and transport connections that help people move around the borough easily and support thriving local high streets. We will continue to improve the quality of our streets, public spaces and housing, ensuring that residents can enjoy environments that are safe, healthy and fit for the future.

Safety will be central to our Vision for Redbridge. We want all residents to feel secure and confident in their communities, whether they are at home, travelling, using local facilities or enjoying public spaces. Working closely with the police, voluntary organisations, community groups and other partners, we will tackle anti-social behaviour, environmental crime, fly-tipping and violence, using strong partnership working and effective enforcement where required to protect communities and maintain public confidence. We will work with residents to deliver a borough-wide approach to preventing violence against women and girls, supporting victims and creating safer public spaces for everyone.

At the heart of this Vision is a belief that strong communities help create safe communities. We will bring people together across different backgrounds, faiths and cultures, celebrating the diversity that makes Redbridge distinctive. By creating opportunities for participation, volunteering and community action that foster civic pride, shared responsibility and active citizenship, we will strengthen trust, understanding and belonging, enabling residents to play an active role in shaping the future of their neighbourhoods.

Above all, we will create a borough where people feel safe, supported and connected; where neighbourhoods are green, clean and welcoming; and where residents are proud to call Redbridge home.



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2 KEEPING NEIGHBOURHOODS GREEN, SAFE, AND CLEAN

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WHAT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THIS VISION?



- Action to reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality and prepare the borough for the effects of climate change.
- Protected and improved natural spaces that support wildlife and help residents connect with nature.
- An expanded and improved Fairlop Waters, providing better access to nature, recreation and outdoor activity.
- Cleaner and healthier rivers and lakes that support biodiversity, improve environmental quality and create better natural spaces for residents to enjoy.
- Greater use of our award-winning parks and green spaces, helping residents be more active, improve wellbeing and enjoy the outdoors.
- A £35m programme of street and pavement improvements that makes local roads and footways safer, easier to use and more accessible for everyone.
- A new community play area that gives children and families more opportunities to play, be active and spend time together locally.
- A joined-up approach to community safety that tackles antisocial behaviour, supports vulnerable residents and helps communities feel safer and more secure.
- Modern and reliable CCTV in priority locations, helping prevent and detect crime and tackle antisocial behaviour.



3 STRENGTHENING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Our Vision

Redbridge will be a borough where people can live well, feel connected and thrive at every stage of life. It will be a place where everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their potential, enjoy good health and wellbeing, and live independently for as long as possible. We will work to reduce inequalities and ensure that prosperity, opportunity and good quality of life are shared more fairly across our communities, so that no one is left behind.

We will create a borough that supports families and enables children, young people and older residents to flourish. Whatever their circumstances, residents will be able to access the opportunities, relationships and support they need to live healthy, fulfilling and ambitious lives. We want Redbridge to be recognised as a place where people feel valued, where families can put down roots, and where communities come together to help one another succeed.

Strong communities will be at the heart of our future. We will invest in the spaces, facilities and opportunities that bring people together, celebrate our diversity and strengthen a sense of belonging. Our libraries, leisure centres, cultural venues, parks and community spaces will continue to play a vital role in community life, helping to reduce isolation, encourage participation and create opportunities for people of different ages, backgrounds and abilities to connect. We want culture, leisure and community life to be inclusive, accessible and enjoyed by everyone.

We will support healthier lives by promoting physical activity, improving mental wellbeing, preventing ill health and tackling the wider factors that influence health, including poverty, social isolation and unequal access to opportunity. Working with health partners, community organisations and residents, we will strive to narrow health inequalities and ensure that people can live healthier lives for longer. As our population grows and changes, we will continue to work with partners to build a strong, resilient health and care system that is responsive to the needs of local communities.

We want Redbridge to be a borough where opportunity is shared more widely. By supporting local businesses, creating pathways into employment and apprenticeships, and helping residents build financial resilience, we will ensure that economic growth benefits local people and supports stronger, more resilient communities.

Above all, we will build a borough where people feel connected to one another and to the places they live; where diversity is celebrated, communities are cohesive and welcoming, and residents feel a strong sense of belonging, pride and confidence in Redbridge's future.


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3 STRENGTHENING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

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- Services that are planned and funded around residents' needs, improve outcomes and provide value for money.
- A Dementia Strategy that helps people living with dementia and their carers access the support they need to live well and independently for longer.
- Investment in Adult Social Care that helps residents maintain their independence, wellbeing and access to high-quality care and support.
- Earlier and more coordinated care that prevents needs from becoming more serious and helps residents get the right support at the right time.
- Action across the borough to make healthier food choices easier and reduce diet-related ill health.



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- A comprehensive early years and school health programme that helps children get the best start in life and supports their health, wellbeing and development.
- A programme of community-based health initiatives that reduces isolation, improves wellbeing and helps residents live healthier and more connected lives.
- Accessible spaces where community organisations can collaborate, grow and provide support to local residents.
- A vibrant programme of cultural, civic and community events across parks, open spaces and cultural venues that celebrates Redbridge's diversity, increases participation and brings communities together.
- Stronger relationships between communities, promoting belonging and building a more connected and inclusive borough.
- More opportunities for civic participation and volunteering that enable residents to shape their communities, build connections and contribute to local life.



4 OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY

Our Vision

Redbridge will be a borough where every child, young person and resident can fulfil their potential, regardless of their background, circumstances or starting point in life. We want Redbridge to be recognised as one of the best places in London to grow up, where children get the best possible start in life, families are supported to thrive, and opportunity is within reach for everyone.

We are ambitious for every child in Redbridge and aspire to achieve outstanding outcomes for all children, regardless of their background, circumstances or needs. We want every child to grow up safe, happy and loved, with the support, opportunities and relationships they need to thrive. We are committed to keeping children safe from harm, protecting those who need our help and ensuring that children in care and care experienced young people are supported to flourish, achieve their ambitions and fulfil their potential. As an effective corporate parent, we will champion the rights, aspirations and wellbeing of children in our care, ensuring they have the same opportunities and life chances as their peers.

Building on our role as a national Families First Pathfinder, we want Redbridge to be recognised as a place where children and families receive the right help at the right time. Through earlier intervention, stronger multi-agency working and coordinated whole-family support, we will strengthen family and community networks, prevent difficulties from escalating wherever possible and ensure specialist safeguarding services remain focused on children who are at greatest risk of harm.

Education will continue to be one of Redbridge's greatest strengths. We will build on our strong tradition of educational achievement, ensuring that every child can access high-quality, inclusive education that inspires ambition, nurtures talent and opens doors to the future. Every school should be a place where children can flourish, develop confidence and curiosity, and achieve their potential through excellent teaching, strong partnerships and a shared commitment to inclusion.

We are ambitious for all children and young people, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Our Vision is for Redbridge to become a leading borough for inclusion and belonging, where every child feels heard, supported and empowered to participate fully in school, community life and the opportunities available to them. We will create communities where children and young people with SEND can learn, achieve, build friendships, contribute to their communities and prepare successfully for adulthood. By working in partnership with families, schools, health services and community organisations, we will help ensure that every child can access the support they need and reach their full potential.

Building on our status as England's first UNICEF Child Friendly Borough, we will continue to champion the voices, rights and wellbeing of children and young people.

We will create a borough where young people feel heard, respected and able to influence the decisions that affect their lives. We will provide opportunities for leadership, volunteering, creativity, sport and civic participation, helping young people develop the confidence, skills and experiences that will shape their futures. We want every child and young person to feel safe, included and able to play an active role in their community.



We believe that opportunity extends far beyond the classroom. Every child should have access to the experiences, skills and opportunities that help them thrive, whether that is learning to swim, ride a bike, develop new interests, access cultural and sporting opportunities, build confidence, gain work experience or discover future career pathways. We want young people to grow up with the knowledge, resilience and life skills they need to navigate an increasingly complex world and live healthy, independent and fulfilling lives.

Education, skills and employment will be closely connected, creating clear pathways into further education, training and good-quality work. By strengthening partnerships between schools, colleges, universities, employers and community organisations, we will help residents develop the skills needed for a changing economy and connect people to the opportunities created by growth in sectors such as health and care, digital, green industries, construction and entrepreneurship. Whether through apprenticeships, vocational pathways, supported employment or lifelong learning, we will ensure that talent is recognised, ambition is encouraged and barriers to opportunity are removed.

Technology and artificial intelligence are changing the world of work and creating new opportunities for people and businesses. They may also change or replace some tasks and roles, alter the skills employers need and make it harder for people without digital access, skills or confidence to benefit. We want Redbridge residents to be prepared for these changes and able to take advantage of the opportunities they create. By working with employers, education and training providers and other partners, we will help people develop the digital and AI skills needed for the jobs of the future, while supporting local businesses to embrace new technologies, improve productivity and grow. Our ambition is that technological change supports inclusive economic growth, opens up new opportunities and helps people from across Redbridge build the skills they need to thrive.

Above all, we will create a borough where children and young people are empowered to shape their futures, where inclusion and belonging are at the heart of every community, and where every resident has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. Redbridge will be a place where voices are heard, potential is realised, and opportunity is shared by all.

4 OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY

WHAT WILL WE ACHIEVE





WHAT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THIS VISION?



- Integrated health and social care support from pregnancy through to post-birth that gives children the best start in life and helps families access joined-up support when they need it.
- Joined-up family, health and early-years support that helps children thrive from their earliest years.
- Education that removes barriers to attendance, learning and achievement and helps every child and young person fulfil their potential, supported by an Education and Inclusion Strategy.
- Children, young people and families helping to design and improve education and SEND services.
- Earlier, more inclusive and better-coordinated support for children and young people with SEND.
- Stronger early intervention services that provide timely support for children and families, helping prevent problems from escalating.
- A Child Friendly Redbridge where children and young people are heard, respected and able to influence decisions, shape services and play an active role in their communities.
- A range of enriching experiences for every child that build confidence, wellbeing and a sense of belonging.
- Safe, inclusive places and opportunities where young people can develop skills, build confidence and achieve their aspirations.
- More apprenticeships, jobs and training opportunities that open doors for local young people.
- Clear pathways into education, training and employment that help residents fulfil their potential at every stage of life.
- Tailored support that helps residents overcome barriers to work, develop skills and move into secure employment.



GLOSSARY

Term	What it means
Active travel	Getting around by being physically active, particularly walking, wheeling or cycling.
Affordable housing	Homes intended to be more affordable for people whose housing needs are not met by the open market.
Artificial intelligence (AI)	Technology that allows computers to carry out tasks that would normally require human intelligence, such as analysing information or creating content.
Biodiversity	The variety of plants, animals and other living things in an area.
Borough Vision	Our long-term picture of the Redbridge we want to create together over the next ten years.
Carbon emissions	Gases released into the atmosphere, particularly carbon dioxide, that contribute to climate change.
Child Friendly Redbridge	Redbridge's approach to making sure children and young people are heard, respected and able to influence decisions and take part in their communities.
Civic participation	People getting involved in their community and local life, for example by volunteering, sharing their views, supporting local activities or helping shape decisions.
Climate resilience	Making sure our places and communities are better prepared for the effects of a changing climate.
Community cohesion	People from different backgrounds living well together, with strong relationships, trust and a shared sense of belonging.
Corporate Plan	The plan setting out the main changes the Council will lead or support over the next four years to help deliver the Borough Vision.
Corporate parent	The Council's responsibility to look after and support children in its care and care experienced young people, and to promote their wellbeing and opportunities.

Term	What it means
Economic growth	Growth in local businesses, jobs, investment and opportunities for people to earn and prosper.
Elizabeth Line	The railway line serving Ilford, Seven Kings, Goodmayes and Chadwell Heath and connecting Redbridge with other parts of London and beyond.
Evening and night-time economy	Businesses and activities that operate in the evening or at night, such as restaurants, entertainment, leisure and cultural venues.
Financial resilience	Being better able to manage money and cope with unexpected financial pressures.
Health inequalities	Unfair and avoidable differences in health between different groups of people or communities.
Infrastructure	The things a growing community needs to function well, such as transport, schools, health facilities, utilities and public spaces.
Inward investment	Investment brought into Redbridge by businesses, organisations or other investors, helping support development, jobs and the local economy.
Local Plan	The long-term planning document that guides where development happens in Redbridge and how land should be used.
Multi-agency working	Different organisations and services working together to support residents and families.
Placemaking	Planning and improving streets, neighbourhoods and public spaces so that they work well for the people who use them.
Public realm / public spaces	Places that everyone can use, such as streets, squares, parks and other shared outdoor spaces.
Regeneration	Improving an area through investment in things such as homes, transport, businesses, streets and public spaces.

GLOSSARY

Term	What it means
SEND	Special educational needs and disabilities. This describes children and young people who need additional or different support with education or development.
Social rent	Housing rented at rents set through the social housing system, usually provided by councils or housing associations.
Sustainable growth	Growth that meets people's needs while considering its long-term impact on communities, the economy and the environment.
Voluntary and community sector	Charities, voluntary groups, community organisations and other not-for-profit organisations that support local people and communities.
Western Gateway	The programme referred to in the Vision to improve the western entrance to Ilford, including homes, jobs, public spaces and transport connections.
Whole-family support	Support that looks at the needs of the family as a whole rather than addressing individual problems separately.













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