



## Welcome letter from the Leader, Cllr Matt Stanley

Thank you for your interest in the role of Chief Executive at Arun District Council.

I have been the Leader at Arun since May 2023, leading a cross-party administration made up of Liberal Democrats, Labour, Greens and some independents. It is a new political leadership, bursting with ambition and creativity, and with common goals and aspirations.

The council has set out a strong vision, based around four key themes. These are fulfilling Arun's economic potential; supporting our environment to support the area; delivering the right homes in the right places; and improving the wellbeing of Arun.

I also believe that grasping the economic potential of Arun is a major opportunity for us. We are using Levelling Up funding to redevelop our towns, and whilst tourism is key for Arun we are also very keen to diversify our economic base.

I am happy to say that we have healthy reserves and a robust financial strategy in place, although given the pressures in the sector we are also keen to develop income generation schemes as well as 'invest to save' initiatives.

I am also keen to change the culture of the council, working closely with Members and officers to develop and promote our 'One Arun' programme, which is about developing the right culture and a common purpose.

In essence, we need a new Chief Executive with excellent communication skills and a strong strategic understanding of the challenges and opportunities ahead, who can pull the team together and unleash the creativity of staff. Arun is a great place to live and work – so if you want to apply then please do look at the information on this website, and I very much look forward to meeting you in due course.

Regards

Cllr Matt Stanley