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COUNCIL LEADER RECEIVES OBE FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES

Cllr Teresa O'Neill, the Leader of the London Borough of Bexley, was made an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) by the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace yesterday (Thursday 20 November).

It is the first time in the 50 year history of the London Borough of Bexley that an honour has been bestowed on a sitting Councillor.

"I feel very proud to have been recognised in this way and to have shared what was a very special day with some of the close family, friends and colleagues whose help and support is so important to me," said Cllr O'Neill. "Bexley is a wonderful place to live and I consider it a privilege to represent its residents on the Council and in my work across London."

Cllr O'Neill was awarded the OBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the community and Local Government in London.

Cllr O'Neill has been a Bexley Councillor since 1998. She became Deputy Leader of the Council in 2006 and Leader in 2008. Before taking on her current role, Cllr O'Neill worked for Merrill Lynch, in the City of London.

In addition to her leadership role at Bexley, Cllr O'Neill is Vice Chair and Conservative Group Leader on London Councils and an unpaid advisor to the Mayor of London. She is a member of the London Health Board, the Outer London Commission and the Local Government Association's Community & Wellbeing Board. She also served on the London Finance Commission and Health Commission.

Cllr O'Neill has lived in Bexley for the past 18 years.

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