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Council appoints experienced MD for BexleyCo

Huw Lewis has been appointed as the Managing Director of BexleyCo, the wholly owned development company created last year by the London Borough of Bexley.

Mr Lewis is currently Managing Director of the Urban Growth Company.

He is an experienced senior manager with over 27 years' experience of a wide range of projects both in the UK and internationally, involving commercial, retail, leisure, cinema, rail, local authority, health, housing, education, waste and airport developments. His previous employers have included the City of London Corporation, Shanks UK, Balfour Beatty and United Cinemas International.

He will work alongside Richard Blakeway, who was appointed as BexleyCo's first Chairman in October last year.

"We are delighted to welcome someone with Huw's experience to this important post because BexleyCo will play a key role in delivering our vision for growth," said Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE, the Leader of the Council. "BexleyCo will deliver schemes of which the Borough can be proud and be a strong partner to attract significant investment into the borough in the years ahead."

Richard Blakeway added: "I am delighted to have found someone of Huw's considerable experience to join BexleyCo. Huw has a formidable track record delivering regeneration in the West Midlands, notably the proposed HS2 hub at Solihull, which coupled with his commercial background will add real impetus to the company's ambitious plans."

Speaking about his appointment, Huw Lewis said: "I am pleased to have been given the opportunity of leading BexleyCo, working alongside Richard and the Council to deliver the exciting vision of growth for the Borough."

BexleyCo's objectives, how it will deliver them, be governed and financed, are set out in its ambitious Business Plan. Over the 12-year lifetime of the plan, the Company expects to invest an estimated £630m to help the borough grow sustainably and achieve a 7% return to the Council on top of its wider social and economic contributions.

Its initial plans include developing more than 2,500 quality homes, alongside other important community facilities.

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