

Report – Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee

Achievement

To be presented on Thursday, 25th May, 2023

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

“I wish to draw Members’ attention to the following achievement of Bhakti Depala, Head of Planning Delivery.

Planner Magazine – Women of Influence 2023

Each year for International Women’s Day, the Planner Magazine publishes a list of planning’s Women of Influence as nominated by readers of the Planner Magazine and assessed by a panel of judges that includes distinguished planners from across the UK.

On 8 March 2023, Bhakti Depala, Head of Planning Delivery was selected as one of its Women of Influence for 2023.

Judges said Bhakti was “an inspiration to all she works with” and acted as “the vital strategic link” between City Corporation officers, developers, politicians and others, working on major high-profile developments.

They also referenced her Hindi-language video championing planning, which is the most popular on the City Corporation’s YouTube channel, and her work on streamlining and innovating how the team works.

They concluded, Bhakti “goes above and beyond to support, mentor and develop team members” and “exudes infectious positivity, enthusiasm and dynamism.”

I commend this achievement to the Court.”

DATED this 20th March 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Shравan Joshi
Chairman, Planning and Transportation Committee