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Anne McMeel joined the public sector as an internal auditor with the Greater London Council (GLC) in 1973 straight from school. Between 1973 and 1984 she worked in a number of posts in the Housing Finance, Debt Recovery and Audit Divisions of the Finance Department. As an auditor she covered the Fire Brigade and the Planning, Transportation, Architects, Valuation and Central Support Departments. During this period, Anne also completed her professional and management training and obtained the CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) qualification.

In 1984 Anne was promoted to Head of Housing Finance with responsibility for providing financial advice and support to the Council's Housing Programme (250,000 dwellings - much of which had been transferred to the London Boroughs). One of Anne's key achievements in this post was the establishment and management of a private company which enabled the GLA, at abolition, to bequeath £90m to the London Boroughs for investment in ex-GLC stock.

In 1986, with the abolition of the GLC, Anne moved to the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) as an Assistant Director of Finance with responsibility for Financial Planning in an organisation with a revenue budget of £1,022m and 90,000 employees. Anne was responsible for establishing systems, within the newly created Authority, to assist decision making, particularly on budgetary issues. She also led negotiations with various successor bodies on post-abolition arrangements for joint services previously provided by the GLC.

In 1989 Anne moved to the London Borough of Enfield as the Deputy Director of Finance where she had operational responsibility for the Finance Directorate of 400 staff and the corporate lead on the Borough's response to the Government's

compulsory competitive tendering and Best Value initiatives and the development of a corporate information technology strategy. She was also responsible for providing finance advice to the Education Committee, including delivering a Private Finance Initiative scheme for a major secondary school.

Anne moved to the London Borough of Sutton in 1998 as the Director of Finance and Information where she frequently deputised for the Chief Executive. She had direct responsibility for the performance management of a full range of finance, ICT and corporate services, including facilities management of Civic Offices, risk management and public access to Council services. She was the principal adviser to the Council, across all its services, on finance and ICT matters.

In 2001 Anne moved to the newly created Greater London Authority (GLA) where she was the first Director of Finance and Performance and played a leading role in the development of this unique form of regional government. As an active member of the Management Board, and one of the three Statutory Officers, this involved the creation of a sound and robust system of corporate governance as well as systems to facilitate the delivery of the Mayor's priorities and statutory strategies through other agencies, in particular the four functional bodies in the GLA Group (Metropolitan Police Authority, Transport for London, London Development Agency, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority). She also had the lead role in London Resilience issues for the Authority and was the Mayor's statutory financial adviser on the GLA Group gross budget of £10.7bn (net £3.9bn) and precept, as well as having responsibility for ensuring that performance across the Group delivered the Mayor's priorities as reflected in his budget.

The structures established in the Authority helped it to win the bid for the London Olympics in 2012 and persuade the Government to devolve more powers to the Authority. During this period Anne also became the first woman President of the Society of London Treasurers.

In 2007 Anne became the Director of Resources at the Metropolitan Police Service and has responsibility for finance, procurement, property services and strategy and improvement. She is a member of the Service's Management Board and, with a combined staff of over 750, has a lead role in helping the Service manage its £3.6bn budget within an effective corporate governance framework. She is also the Service's Environmental Champion and has a lead role in delivering the Service's major change programme and value for money agenda.